MICHAEL POWELL

Summit praise for Thatcher

Bush boosts the 'special relationship'

From Robin Oakley and Peter Stothard, Hamilton, Bermuda

aid of Mrs Thatcher, an old ally depicted by the American press as "yesterday's woman".

Before leaving Washington for the Bermuda summit, where he met Mrs Thatcher, Mr. Bush said: "We have a special relationship with the UK. We always have. I feel I have a very frank and open relationship with Margaret Thatcher, for whom I have

tremendous respect." He added that she had done him many courtesies in his days as Vice-President. His reference to frankness reflected the differences the two leaders have had over German unity, but the deliberate

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presidency.

At their talks the Prime Minister abandoned her previous insistence on updating Nato's ground-launched short-range Lance missiles. But Mr Bush was notably cautious about her hopes of retaining a nuclear capacity based on German soil in the shape of a modernized air-

British fears that the US Administration gives much more weight so Bonn than to London will have been underscored by his rider that there would be "obviously a lot of concern for how this would

affect Germany".

The White House press corps arrived at Hamilton, Bermuda, ahead of the President, and appeared to take the view that he is paying his last respects to a British leader on her way out. But the President is known to value Mrs Thatcher's judgement as the most experienced and seasoned world politician, particularly on European affairs, which

will dominate their talks. Mrs Thatcher and her small band of officials stood outside Government House and watched two helicopter-loads of United States ministers and officials strive before the President himself touched down in a third helicopter. Mr Bush, all smiles, greater Mrs Thatcher veryly, He stid as he shock bands "Hello Mar-saret, new me you?"

She responded, also with a smile. Two never felt better. and Mrs Thatcher were "very close" in their assessments of

es in Eastern Euroj Yesterday's talks centred on the reshaping of European security and the recasting of Nato in the light of German reunification. Mrs Thatcher spelt out her ideas for developing the role of the 35 nation Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe (CSCE) as an albance for democracy, supplementing without supplanting Nato's

defence role. In Washington earlier, Mr Bush agreed that the subject was likely to be discussed and said: "Our position is that it is a matter for collective decision for Nato."

As the Bermuda summit talks began under grey and stormy skies, Mrs Thatcher

PRESIDENT Bush ves cordiality was a clear attempt was asked if it would be a terday signalled his to calm British fears that the meeting of minds on Euro-willingness to come to the aid of Mrs Thatcher, an suffered from the change of the Mrs Bush ves pean questions. Her affirmation that it would be was supported by Mr Bush, who added that their meetings

> Questioned about differences on Germany, President Bush said: "These things have a way of coming to gether. I am very upbeat."

The summit centred on the future architecture of Nato Europe, with Mr Bush seeking views on develop ments in the Soviet Union and Lithuania following Mr Douglas Hurd's talks in Moscow this week.

Mrs Thatcher is calling for the CSCE summit, which will take place later this year if a conventional forces in Europe troop cuts agreement is signed, to develop the organ-ization which already pro-vides the framework for such agreements and for the dev elopment of human rights into something more permanent

Rain and

roadworks

frustrate

travellers

By Mark Souster

holidaymakers' spirits yes-terday came not from indus-trial action by French or Spanish air traffic controllers,

but from that other traditional

Bank holiday offering - rain.

began overcast and got steadily worse. Heavy rain

over southern England and the Midlands made driving

hazardous, and a spate of

minor accidents made matters

worse. The weather outlook is

and poor weather caused de-

lays on many roads. The A77

Glasgow to Ayr road, coast-

bound, was virtually at a

standstill at one point. The

Tay Bridge was congested in

both directions and traffic

moved slowly on the M8 east

of Edinburgh and the A9 northbound. Glasgow airport reported no problems as the

Easter weekend is not particu-

Rain and roadworks caused

many hold-ups in the north of

England, especially on the M6. However, 150 flights from

Manchester airport departed

More than a million people

over Easter. Those hoping for

sunshine are, however, likely

to be disappointed; the fore

cast for the Continent is dull

and overcast with rain until

The Civil Aviation Au-

thority had feared that flights

might be delayed because of action by French flight plan-

ning staff, which began at

4 am yesterday, and restric-

tions on flights imposed by

Spanish air traffic controllers

as a safety precaution. How-ever, trouble failed to materi-

alize and air travellers are now

expected to have a trouble-free

larly busy in Scotland.

snake" vesterday.

Monday.

unschled.

As if on cue, Friday the 13th

Her plans could offer scope for a deal with Mr James Baker, the US Secretary of State, who has called for a wider polical role for Nato under the CSCE umbrella managing regional conflicts, sorting out political and eco-nomic relationships with East-ern Europe and verifying arms

control agreements.

Mrs Thatcher, whose approach to existing institutions is more cautious, wants the CSCE to set out the conditions for free elections and to prothey are diet.

She wants it to define the

rule of law and human rights Earlier the President said be and to set out essential principles for sound, legal systems The CSCE, she believes sultation to involve the maximum number of countries in Europe's future with twiceyearly meetings of foreign

ministers and special sessions when crisis management is She further sees the CSCE being given a conciliation role

She wants it to add to the Helsinki Agreements the right to private property and the freedom to produce, buy and sell, without undue govern-

ment interference. The CSCE summit should also reaffirm the original Helsinki commitments on Euro-

on time. The RAC said that the 110 pean frontiers. Initial US reactions are miles of motorway between London and Birmingham Continued on page 16, col 8 looked like a "monster metal

Two Britons killed in Bayeux plane crash

By Ruth Gledhill

TWO Britons died when a light aircraft crashed near Bayenx in northern France yesterday. Two other passengers were injured.

Witnesses said the Britishregistered Beech 33 aircraft, owned by Klingair of Peter-borough, exploded over a built-up area. The main fuselage hit the ground only yards from a house and 100 yards from three petrol

The Civil Aviation Authority was unable to confirm a report that a jet flew in the path of the crashed plane seconds before the crash.

French police last night named two of the dead as Mrs Carolyn Lilley, aged 45, and Mr Norman Lilley, aged 46, of Ampleforth, North Yorkshire. Two other passengers were named as May Wilson and Mark Lilley. They were taken to Bayeux hospital with seri-

The aircraft was heading from Perpignan when wit-nesses reported that they heard an explosion and saw falling debris at 12.50 pm.

One of the dead passengers Air control crisis, page 3 fell on a parked car. Firemen found wreckage scattered over



THE Sheffield company at the beart of the "super Iraqi gun" affair said yesterday it had a

letter from the Department of Trade which made it clear there was no need for an export licence for the 52 forged steel tubes built for the Iraqi Ministry of Industry and

The letter will be one of the crucial documents in the efforts by Forgemesters Engineering to clear its name in the investigation now under way by Customs after the seizure of eight crates of steel tubes from a merchant vessel at Teesport, Middlesbrough.

The letter, from t licensing section of the DTI, was sent in the latter part of 1988, about two months after an agent from the Iraqi Government had contacted Forgemasters about a contract to forge massive steel tubes.

A DTI official said "an internal look at procedures" had been ordered to check on the background to the case. He denied it was a fullbloodied inquiry. The official long-range artillery systems said that in the case of any and had been a consultant to

By Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent exports to Iraq, if a company the Iraqi Government. Dr needed to seek a licence, it Buil, who was murdered last would automatically be

This was because there was a blanket ban on arms sales which always needed a li-cence. "If there is some doubt, like for example, if a contract involves the sale of tyres which could be used on ambulances or military vehicles, companies would be expected to consult us," the official

Forgemasters said they did consult the DTI after the approach from Irag. The first meeting with an Iraqi agent and Minerals took place in Brussels in June, 1988.

Asked why it was in Brussels and not at the company's premises in Sheffield, spokesman for Forgemasters said it was at the request of the Iraqis. He said the company had never had any contact with Dr Gerald Bull, the Canadian-born ballistics scientist who was an expert in long-range artillery systems

month, was based in Brussels.

Forgemasters said that after the meeting in Brussels, they telephoned the DTL. The spokesman said: "There was contract to build 52 steel tubes with a very high capital value if we were not going to be allowed to export them. The war between Iran and Iraq was

still on. The phone call was followed by correspondence between the company and the DTI. Yesterday the solicitors for the company were considering DTI which stated that an export licence was not

required. Forgemasters said there were two separate contracts, each for 26 tubes, of which 44 had already been delivered to the Ministry of Industry and Minerals in Baghdad. All were cleared by Customs, the company said.

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Two more prisoners give up

By Ronald Faux

THE Strangeways jail siege yesterday and two more prisoners gave in to the

Only 10 or 11 rioters remain inside the wrecked wings of the prison but there were no immediate signs that more were preparing to surrender.

The confrontation yesterday followed the well-established lines of prison officers patiently negotiating through the barricades and prisoners following their own policy of slow surrender.

There had been hopes of an early end to the siege yesday morning when rel of immates were brought to the prison and activity was evident among prison staff wearing riot gear. Shortly afterwards one man surrendered in F Wing.

Two hours later a second prisoner contacted a member of the board of visitors and said he wanted to give himself up. He was taken for medical checks, a shower and change of clothes and was then transported to another prison.

Kremlin admits Katyn massacre

From Michael Binyon, Mescow

IN ONE of the most painful are expected to travel overseas admissions of Stalinist crimes, the Soviet Union yesterday officially blamed the NKVD, Stalin's secret police, for the massacre in 1940 of up to 15.000 Polish officers in a forest at Katvn.

A Tass statement, timed to coincide with the Kremlin meeting between President Gorbachov and President Jaruzelski of Poland, said the Soviet side expressed "profound regret" over "one of the greatest crimes of Stalinism".

The admission reverses adamant Soviet insistence for almost fifty years that the Nazis were responsible for the massacre outside Smolensk when they occupied the area. leaded fuel shortage, page 3
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They disinterred 4,000
corpses, and invited international observers to inspect

them. The remaining 11,000 Poles have never been found. General Jaruzelski is to visit Katyn today at what is expected to be the emotional climax of his three-day visit to the Soviet Union.

Tass said that copies of the archive documents putting direct responsibility on Beria, the head of the NKVD, and his associates, had been handed over to the Polish shadow that has bung over Moscow's relations with Poland ever since the Second World War. It is a gesture of atonement long demanded by Warsaw that will do much to convince Poland of the Soviet Union's sincerity in wanting a fresh start.

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Scottish dig may lay bare St Ninian's claim

By Kerry Gill

ARCHAEOLOGISTS are cautiously optimistic that they could unearth the remains of Scotland's first recorded Christian settlement in an excavation this simmer at one of Europe's most

important religious sites. They believe they may discover the remnants of an early Christian community established at Whithorn, near Wigtown, Dumfries and Galloway, in the centuries following the death of Christ.

Until now, the popular belief has been that Christianity was brought to Scotland by St Ninian, who arrived near Whithorn after a journey from Ireland, probably at around the end of the 4th century, and built a stone church, Candida Casa, on the site. The only evidence comes from St

Bede, writing in the 8th century, who

states that Ninian was earlier than St Columba, who arrived in Scotland in

Mr Peter Hill, the director of the dig, said: "We know we will shed light on this important period. It will undoubtedly be the most exciting season of excavations to date."

The Whithorn site has been the subject of intense archaeological work for the past five years. The area being explored stands next to the ruined Whithorn Priory. The centre of a Northumbrian bishopric, it was known throughout Europe as a place of pilgrimage.

One of the most interesting aspects of the dig has been the range of discoveries made. As well as finding relics of Victorian times, an early post-Reformation manse (ecclesiastical residence) and remains of early

timber and wattle houses, archaeologists have been kept busy removing keletons from a medieval graveyard.

The public's interest in the project has been such that the site has become one of the most important tourist attractions in the south west of Scotland

More than two million items have been discovered since explorations began. A selection of the finds. including metal and leather fragments, pottery and coins are on show in a visitor centre near by.

Mr Hill said: "We know there were burials within buildings on the site and we are sure they will be important figures - common people were not buried inside churches during this period. They could have been bishops or local kings or potentates, but we will not know for certain until this

part of the site is examined in May or

During the 1950s, the bodies of three 12th and 13th century bishops were discovered. Mr Hill said he hoped that his team would find their predecessors from 400 years earlier. "We do not know what we will unearth below the Northumbrian layer, there could be evidence of Ninian's era or just bedrock," he

However, the excavations will not reveal the body of Ninian, whose shrine drew kings and nobility as pilgrims throughout the medieval period. His bones, encased in silver, went to the Sopts College in Douai, France, at the time of the Reformation. But the college suffered the ravages of war and the remains later disappeared.

Family money ... Food and drink Eight Face sacks for the

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Iraq claims UK lying for political advantage

THE state-owned Iraqi media purpose. al-Thawra said the yesterday stepped up its anti-British propaganda campaign fabrication and a silly fuss and accused the British Gov-with no real foundation." ernment of deliberately spreading lies about Baghdad's military plans to divert attention from its own pol-

The new wave of attacks followed the seizure of parts claimed by British officials to be intended for a giant gun. Iraq maintains that they are pipes for its petro-chemical industry.

"Thatcher's Government is Iraqi people," it added, facing a very critical economic and political dilemma ... that forces it to fabricate these outside crises," said al-Thawra, the paper of the ruling Baath party. It accused Britain of attempting to prevent Iraq from acquiring advanced technology.

Earlier attacks have denigrated many aspects of Britain, including character assassination of members of the Royal Family. After the "gun" find, Mr Tariq Aziz, the Foreign Minister, told reporters: "Even if we buy a box of chocolates from Britain, they will say Iraq will use it to produce an atomic bomb."

Yesterday al-Thawra, the favoured mouthpiece of President Saddam Hussein, claimed that the British Government, driven by "its old colonialist mentality", had been directing a media campaign against Baghdad since the execution there last month of the London-based Iranian journalist Mr Farzad Bazoft.

As with earlier British

By Mark Souster

The conviction of Customs

officials and Ministry of De-

fence experts that the material

found at Teesside could be

used as part of a 140-ton gun is

based on the fact that the

dimensions match exactly a

description and diagram of a

gun in a 1988 manual co-

authored by Dr Gerald Bull.

A copy of the manual, The

Paris Guns and Project

HARP, has been obtained by

The Times. In a section headed

The Study of Large Calibre

Systems". Dr Ball wrote that

HARP (High Altitude Artil-

lery project) was based ini-tially on US naval guns.

Modern steel characteris-

tics and fabrication made fixed

elevation launch tubes of very

large diameter a relatively low

cost proposition. "One metre diameter launch tubes of of up to 300 calibres could be built

for well under \$10 million," it

said. "The complex traverse

and elevating mechanism of gunnery, tube rifling etc are

Illustrations in the manual

convey the impression of an

enormous tube, the first 20 per

gun theory was "mere lies, with no real foundation".

The editorial went on to condemn Britain for collaborating with the US to reimpose their hegemony on the Arab world and to help the Israelis to maintain their occupation of Arab land.

This flagrant hostility towards Iraq reveals that the successors of the British Empire want to avenge the strikes dealt to their empire by the

The army daily al-Qad-dissiya stated that Iraq would not heed what it called a systematic campaign of slan-Government, and would continue with its efforts to acquire modern technology. "Iraq, which fought for eight years in defence of its sovereignty and existence (in the Gulf War), will not surrender even a minute part of its rights and dignity," the paper said.

Iraq received backing from other Arab states. The Kuwaiti paper al-Watan quoted unquestioningly an Iraqi dip-lomat who said that the FBI had planted the nuclear triggers discovered by British Customs agents in London.

According to the diplomat's account, the FBI operating at Heathrow airport had replaced technical equipment which Iraq had contracted to purchase from two British and US firms with other parcels containing the nuclear triggering devices.

Mr Rahim Taher, commercial attaché at Iraq's Embassy claims about a plan to smuggle in Kuwait, was quoted as nuclear trigger devices telling the paper: "My country through Heathrow airport, the will continue to carry out its Iraqis dismissed suggestions scientific and peaceful pro-



Expert's ballistics skills attracted countries keen to build big guns

By Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent

had apparently been circulat-

ing that he was engaged in

nuclear research for the Iraqis.

search Corporation, which moved from the United States

to Brussels. in 1980, had

developed close links with

Iraq. According to his son, Mr

Michael Bull, the company

was employed mainly in a

hydro-electric engineering

project. It is believed, how-

ever, that he had recently

begun work on a contract to

perfect Iraq's long-range artil-

Dr Bull, a Canadian-born

His company, Space Re-

tics expert murdered in Brussels last month by an unknown assassin, was recognized to be a genius. His designs for long-range systems attracted the attentions of many countries eager to build their military capabilities.

The Iraqis turned to him when they began showing an interest in reviving a 20-yearold "super gun" project capable of launching satellites or weapons into low earth orbit, according to Defence, a British magazine, which published an article, "A space gun for Iraq?", in its February edition.

It is believed that Iraq had acquired a copy of Dr Bull's book, The Paris Guns and Project HARP, published in 1988, which discussed his

Vital clues in Dr Bull's 1988 manual

DR GERALD Bull, the ballis- research into a high altitude months of a six-month prison sentence in 1980 for illegal gun. His reputation for inven-tion and technical expertise arms shipments to South Afwas such that a few days rica, was shot twice in the before he was shot, rumours head and also in the back.

He never took personal security precautions and had apparently just left the lift in his apartment block when he was shot. The gunman used a silencer and Belgian police believed it was the work of a

Dr Bull was born in 1928 in northern Ontario. He won a scholarship to Toronto University and at 22 was awarded a doctorate in aerophysics. From university, he joined the Canadian Government's Armament and Research Devlopment Establishment

He became frustrated, however, because his desire to research into advanced weapon systems was thwarted by lack of government funds. A man of enormous ego, he decided to continue his research on his own and became engineering professor at McGill University, Montreal. His idea was to develop a super gun which could launch snace systems far more

cheaply than by rocket. His scheme won support from the Canadian and US governments in the 1960s. They put millions of dollars into the High Altitude Research Project (HARP), headed by Dr the Intermediate Nuclear Bull and Mr Charles Murphy, Forces Treaty had under-of the US Army's ballistic mined Nato's strategic deterresearch laboratories in

Maryland.

According to Defence, the HARP gun, consisting of three 16in naval guns bolted together, was so successful when tested at ranges in Barbados, Canada and the US-a projectile was launched more than 112 miles into lower space that it set a world altitude record for that sort of firing. However, the project was dropped in the late 1960s when the US and Canadian governments decided that the

rocketry.

Defence said in February: "It is feared that Baghdad ... may be moving to establish its own HARP project. It is un-derstood that the HARP con-

future lay in conventional

cussed by Iraqi officials and representatives of a Western ammunition manufacturer." The magazine said Dr Bull's

company had already been involved in Iraq's military programme and was thought to have developed two new self-propelled guns, the Fao and the Majnoun, which Baghdad unveiled last year. According to Defence, the

gun still exist. The bigges 172ft long, is at the old Space Research Corporation test range at Highwater, near the Quebec-Vermont border in anada. A second, originally 119.5ft long, is at the US Army's Yuma proving ground in Arizona, and the third, also 119.5ft long, is at the former Space Research Corporation range at Paragon, Barbados.

The Iraqis were not the only ones interested in reviving the HARP gun. The potential applications of the technology were highlighted in th Army Journal by retired General Arthur Trudeau, a former chief of army intelligence, who was head of research and development at the US Army Department during the early years of the project.

He argued that the removal of Pershing and groundmined Nato's strategic deterrence capability. One way of filling the gap would be "with long-range non-nuclear artil-lery based on the HARP



Dr Bull: A genius linked

support muzzle pressures understanding of the nature of systems were being developed, cent consisted of a wall thickinvolved.Dr Bull wrote that the system, it became apparent the gun itself was an over ness of some 250mm, tapered with the advances in fall that as mutli-stage rocket

'Too-old' candidate quits

MR ALLAN Angus MacLeod's plan to become Britain's oldest councillor has been scotched by his daughter, who has ordered him to withdraw his nomination for the Western Isles Islands Council and to forget such puerile

At the age of 83, Mr MacLeod put his name forward for election in the council's Sandwick ward in Stornoway, and, because he was unopposed, would have joined the non-party political council on May 3, election day. His forced withdrawal has created a

problem for the council, however. It is now too late for the selection of another candidate in time for the election and the seat will remain vacant until a by-election is held.

Mr MacLeod, of Newvalley, Stornoway, used to represent the Laxdale ward on the other side of town, but has been retired for many years. While his daughter, Mrs Catherine Cowan, was away in Cyprus, he decided to re-enter the political arena.

Dr Bull's drawing, showing his concept of a HARP Mark II

His re-emergent career, however, was short-lived. When Mrs Cowan returned, she promptly withdrew her father's nomination d Mr MacLeod, known to the islanders as "Allan Angie", had to stand down.

Yesterday, Mrs Cowan said: "I insisted my father stand down as he is too old now for this sort of thing. I told him we would not have any of this nonsense. Surely the Sandwick electors could have picked someone younger and more able for such a demanding job?"

"If he had not agreed to stand down himself, I would have called a public meeting to make the ward select someone else."

Mr Robert Barnett, the council's legal director, confirmed that the nomination had been withdrawn after publication of lists of candidates Tuesday, and that a vacancy would arise.

Fish stocks 'threatened'

cept has recently been dis-

scheme will lead to the sioning scheme but would do decimation of stocks (Kerry nothing to protect local fish

The scheme allows the licences of two old boats to be newly-licensed vessel cannot combined, enabling a single be more than the aggregate of new and more powerful boat two old vessels, the new boat to be built. The Government believes it will make boat and powerful. The aggregate is licensing more flexible.

Mr Duncan Macinnes, secretary of the Western Isles power and vessel size. Fishermen's Association, said: "New vessels built in this way will be far more efficient and

FISHERMEN off the west they replace." Its effect, he the east coast. The effect coast of Scotland, fighting to said, would mean that the would irrevocably damage the protect their traditional inGovernment was saved from viability of the western fleet. shore grounds, say the Gov- introducing a controversial, ernment's new licensing and expensive, decommis-

> would be far more advanced arrived at through a formulataking into account engine

Mr Macinnes said that the scheme could lead to out- alive to these fears and will be dated boats being bought up - closely monitoring the opera-

Lord Sanderson, Minister of State at the Scottish Office, said: "It will enable individual fishermen to tailor the capacity of their boats more closely While the capacity of a to needs while at the same time exerting some downward pressure on the total capacity of the fleet."

Lord Sanderson added, however, that the Government was aware there were fears that the new arrangements might have adverse consequences. "We are very destructive than the old ones by fishing companies based on tion of the new scheme.

1,000 people moved as fire releases cloud of chemicals

we should have been mid

Mr Leslie Corsham, aged 50, heard police warnings on his radio but paid no attention. He said: "I thought it was

some sort of joke or mistake. I

only took it seriously when a policemen called and told us

have been called in to carry

out tests because of fears that

rivers may have been contaminated by toxic chemi-

Chief Supt Alan Gilling of Essex police, said: "The blaze

started in a chemical store at

9.48am and we have no reason

at this stage to suspect any

with the way everyone co-operated with the evacuation.

moved and we told them to

999 call by

child was

'ignored'

A internal inquiry was

launched yesterday after it was

disclosed that police apparently ignored a 999 call from David Kafton, aged six, who was left alone beside his mother's corpse after his father, Michael Krafton, killed

He called police, and told

them: "Mummy's dead -

she's been shot and she's covered with blood."

The boy managed to tell the officer he lived in the

Staplegrove area of Taunton.

Somerset, but it was 10 hours

before police acted - after

British Telecom said that a

police officer who took the

first call did not request a

telephone trace when the line

Police Inspector Donald

Bond said: "An investigation

is being made into the circum-

made to Tannton police sta-

New police chief

Mr Richard Wells, deputy

assistant commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, is to be

the new Chief Constable of South Yorkshire. One of his

main tasks will be to restore morale within the force, which

was severely criticized by the official inquiry into the Hillsborough football disaster.

Press retirement

Mr Bill Gillespie, aged 53,

who played a key role in News International's move to Wap-

ping, east London, in 1986, is

to retire due to ill-health. He

retires from his present pos-

ition as general manager of Today. He joined News

Group Newspapers as deputy

Thursday and held by a pit bull terner, her mother, Mrs

Wendy Pullin, said yesterday.

The girl was treated at the Law

Hospital near Carluke for a

lin hole in her chest and bites

Four out of five

Viswanathan Anand, the In-

dian grandmaster, has re-tained his lead after five of the nine rounds of the Prestwich

international chess tour-nament, with four points. in

second place is Michael Ad-

ams, aged 18, from Truno, Comwall, the British cham-

pion, who has 31/2 points.

managing director in 1981.

Girl mauled Zoe Pullin, aged 5, of Harthill. Strathclyde, was dragged from the back steps of her home on

her with a shotgun.

David rang again.

suddenly went dead.

night.

keep their windows shint,"

We were very impressed

There were only two el-

cals leaking into drains.

more about the risks."

we had to get out."

MORE than 1,000 people operation. Mrs Joyce Seager, were moved from their homes aged 52, who lives near the when a cloud containing research centre, said. I feel potassium cyanide formed slightly shocked to hear that after a chemical fire at a secret such dangerous chemicals are being kept by Marconi.

"It is very close to old people and children. I think research centre on the out-skirts of Cheimsford, Essex

About 400 men, women and children were taken by coach and bus to a comprehensive school nearby where they were given refreshments by the WRVS as the county emergency plan was put into opera-tion. Another 600 people went to relatives in the area.

Police said four officers were treated by a doctor after complaining of feeling sick and dizzy and two members of the public were taken to hospital after suffering similar

symptoms.
Residents were allowed.

home after 6½ hours.
The fire, which sent a plume of black smoke 100 ft into the air, broke out yesterday morning in a plating workshop at the GEC-Marconi Research Establishment, which is used for research on defence conracts, much of it secret, in the village of Great Baddow.

One project under way at the establishment is radar work for the US space shuttle Columbus, to go into orbit in

Divisional Commander Mike Deadman, in charge of the firefighting operation, said the blaze started when a thermostat failed and a vat of chemicals overheated. Chemicals from other tanks, including 50 litres of dilute potassium cyanide spilled into

Twelve firemen, wearing breathing apparatus, took three hours to control it with toxic fames hindering the

Shorter week deal at Lucas

By Kevin Eason Motoring Correspondent

NEARLY 3,000 workers at Lucas Industries, one of Brit-ain's biggest automotive and aerospace manufacturing groups, yesterday accepted the offer of a 37-hour week as the company became the latest to capitulate in the mational shorter hours campaign.

Leaders of the Confederagineering Unions said the agreement at Lucas was a significant victory in the cam paign to reduce the hours of a million workers in the engineering industry.

Unions claim that 130 agreements covering up to 150,000 workers have been signed, cutting homs from 39 to 37 a week. They cover such groups as British Aerospace, Rover and Rolls-Royce.

Vickers Defence Systems the Newcastle upon Tyne military vehicles company, is also offering to cut working time to 38 hours immediately and to 37 by January 1992 for its workforce.

The deal agreed at Lucas covers workers in two plants in Pontypool and Cwmbran. Gwent, and allows for a staged agreement up to 1992. Unions are confident the company will extend the offer to six other sites which are shortly to

be balloted on strike action. Mr Bill Jordan, president of the Amalgamated Engineering Union, said that the agree-ment proved that Lucas van prepared to move from the 39hour week to shorter hours and asked the company to negotiate before mass meetings were held next week-He said: "We believe that

the rest of the Lucas group of companies must now come into line with this agreement and give all of their workers a shorter working week."
The shipbuilding/engin-

eering confederation has pinpointed up to 50 companies for a campaign of strikes. Workers at three factories belonging to the Weir Group will be balloted over the next week and votes will be held by workers in 34 more companies

No winners

There were no valid claims for the weekly game of the Times Portfolio Platinum competition, which has a prize of £4,000. The money will be added to next week's total; the daily competition will restart in Tuesday's edition.

CORRECTIONS

The article "Saving the satanic mills" (April 11) should have mentioned New Mill, Saltaire, in a list of threatened buildings. Sait's Mill near by has been restored by Sait's Estates

The performing arts clinic run by Professor Carola Grindea (Health, April 12) is held at the London College of Music. not the Royal College of

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Beethoven manuscript may fetch £500,000

By John Shaw

THE original manuscript of music theory at several colleges and universities in the United States. the first movement of Beetho-

ven's Sonata for Cello and Piano in A Major, one of his greatest chamber works, is expected to sell for £400,000-£500,000 at Sotheby's in died in 1986. London on May 17.

It belonged to the late Dr Felix Salzer, a distinguished musicologist who was born in

His mother was a sister of Ludwig Wittgenstein, the philosopher, and it was from her family that he acquired the zart's Rondo for Piano in F work.

He retired as emeritus professor at the City University of New York in 1974 and His wife worked with him

closely and she has decided to sell the manuscripts which he believed should be freely available to other scholars.

sonata in 1807-08. The manuscript, heavily revised in brown crayon and black ink, and ends with his name, the 16-page manuscript and Mo-shows the creative process at

SALEROOM 565,000. the work, apart from a few

sketches, to survive. The sale also includes a Amadeus, written home during a trip to Italy in 1772. It

characters of father and son. Leopold, practical and factual, gives details of their health and welfare. However Wolfgang, who was then aged 16, is much more lighthearted National Trust and the Mudate and a greeting to his

• A bronze bust of the cele-

brated First Lord Cherbury most fitting home.". (c1581-1648), which made • The studio contents of the £264,000 at Sotheby's on late Dr William Johnstone, a joint letter from Leopold Mo-zart and his son Wolfgang Powis Castle, the home of his modernist, made a total of family, in Wales.

The bust was by Hubert Le. reveals the very different Sucur and dated 1631. It will be housed in the the National Museum of Wales in the winter. The work

was bought jointly by the The National Art Collec-

mother and sister written tions Fund gave £20,000 to-Major, K494 (£40,000- Sotheby's believes it is the backwards. wards the purchase price. Sir at the \$ £60,000. Dr Salzer taught only autographed source for The letter is thought likely Nicholas Goodison, chairman 1981.

delighted to be able to help return this splendid bust to its

leading art teacher and British £340,296 at Christie's in Dr Johnstone, a Scot, was

principal of both the Cambercastle in the summer and at well and Central schools of

"Evolutionary Programme 1979" made the top price of £33,000.

It was shown at the major retrospective exhibition of his work at the Hayward Gallery wards the purchase price. Sir at the South Bank, London, in

beon,

Half women murder victims killed by husband or lover

ALMOST half of all female murder victims are killed by their husbands or lovers and only 14 per cent by strangers, according to Home Office Ministers believe the find-

bal abuse and minor assaults into beatings and murder. The Home Office has looked in detail at 2,839 murders committed between 1984 and 1988. In 57 per cent of cases the victim was a man less, research shows arrests are

ting into domestic violence,

which can escalate from ver-

Strangers were only infre-cidents involving physical in-quently the killers, even where jury, rising to only 20 per cent the victim was male. Out of in "life-threatening cases". every 10 men murdered, one was killed by a wife or lover, two by another member of the family and three by a friend or accommindance.

With female victims, however, the likelihood of the asings underline the importance sailant being related was of an inquiry they are conduc-markedly higher. Forty-four per cent were killed by husbands or lovers, 18 per cent by other relatives and 18 per cent by friends or acquaintances.

Police are still reluctant to intervene in domestic disputes, though this attitude has begun to change. Nevertheand in 43 per cent a woman. made in just 17 per cent of in-

Social workers and organizations such as Relate say domestic assaults, usually men attacking women, often happen at weekends or during holidays when families are — timeswhen families

can be highly stressed. Mr John Patten, Home Offister of State and chairman of the inter-ministerial group on women's issues, said rday that the Home Office's latest analysis of murder statistics highlighted the dan-He said: "If we can persuade

it's possible we may be able to stop the incidents escalating into scrious woundings or

The Home Office is looking more women to come forward The Home Office is looking and report domestic assaults at a variety of counter-meas-

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to persuade police to keep bet- separately by police, which ter records of domestic assaults. It sees this as a first step towards getting police to inter-

vene more in "domestics". Home Office guidelines, expected to be issued to chief constables this summer, will exhort police to record all exactly the same way as other violent offences. They could also urge forces to keep "at risk" registers of battered women to provide officers with better information when called to disputes.

Research has also highlighted the inadequacies of

means that estimates about the scale of the problem can only be sketchy.

This is compounded by a police habit of deleting the records of about 80 per cent of incidents where they believe a crime has been committed but cases of domestic violence in no action is taken. This process of "no-criming" means that only a fraction of wellfounded complaints of domestic assault find their way into Home Office statistics.

Mr David Jones, general secretary of the British Association of Social Workers, welcomed the Government's record-keeping of domestic heightened interest, but said violence. One difficulty is that that police in many areas still

"interventionist" approach.

"At the moment many victims don't seek help because they have no confidence anything will be done about it. That must be rectified," he said. "If a formal record has to be kept, the constable should be more inclined to treat the matter seriously."

Other government departments are also reviewing the issue, including the Lord Chancellor's department, which is considering ways of making it easier for victims to seek injunctions barring violent husbands or co-habitees from their homes.

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Recruiting fails to stem air traffic crisis

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent.

country is faced with a desperate and worsening shortage of air traffic controllers, despite a massive recruitment and training drive and some of the largest pay rises offered to

any group of workers. Latest estimates show that 19 countries from Iceland to Greece now employ 2,000 fewer controllers than the 15,000 needed efficiently to handle even today's number of flights. The chances of attracting even more to cope with an expected doubling of the number of aircraft over the next 10 years, therefore, seem

Every air traffic control college in Europe is working to its maximum capacity to train aircraft. new recruits.

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from them are having to be kept as high as ever to ensure that only people able to cope with the enormous strains of holding thousands of lives in their hands are allowed to take over the radars. That means that about half of the colleges' intakes are rejected and never join an air traffic control

> Those who succeed are often tempted by attractive offers to move to Australia, Canada or the United States vhere controllers are in even

In a desperate attempt to remin controllers, every country has raised salaries to levels unbeard of even three years.

One effect has been to end controllers' complaints about pay. A senior British air traffic controller can now earn £40,000 a year and his status is at least that of an average airline pilot.

Even so, Spain has a 53 per cent shortfall in controllers; Norway has a 33 per cent shortage; France, 23 per cent; Sweden, 15 per cent and Britain is 6 per cent short.

The British figure is, however, misleading. The person-nel shortage is largely

concentrated in the main

ALMOST every European London air traffic control distorting what may seem a comparatively small problem. So far the controllers have hardly raised a word of protest against the growing work Now, however, there are once again mammings of dissatisfaction. The control-

lers argue that they are apparently being asked to do more and yet little can be done in the long term to ease their They were promised, for

example, that airlines would use bigger aircraft to hold the greater number of passengers. Instead, there has been a big increase in small commuter

ew recruits. In the past 10 years the The standards demanded number of these small aircraft, seating no more than 30 people, has grown by 950 per cent while the number of large aircraft has grown by only 40

Yet each small aircraft needs as much air space and is just the same blip on a radar screen to a controller.

"We had a 10 per cent increase in flights in March compared with the same month last year," Mr Phillipe Domogala, of the Inter-national Federation of Air Traffic Control Officers, said in Paris vesterday.

"This was supposed to be a quiet month and yet Heath-row handled a record number of flights. There is a feeling that we have been fooled and that nothing is really being

"The discontent is far more general today because we are fed up with constantly being promised that things will be better tomorrow.

"We seemed to have managed so far to get through the worst part of Easter but many controllers are now predicting that the delays this summer will be as bad, if not worse, than they were two years ago."



Holiday warning to 'green' drivers

By Kevin Eason, Motoring Correspondent

nel France is among several European nations that have not been as quick as Britain to

switch to the "green" fuel.
Only 7,500 of 26,000 filling stations in France stock unthose are confined to the motorways and major roads.

Cars with catalytic converters, of which there are more than 10,000 in Britain, can run only on unleaded firel.

who have cars adapted to run on unleaded fael; should be able to use leaded petrol, although the Automobile Association yesterday warned holidaymakers to check with dealers before setting out. Drivers will find few un-

THOUSANDS of motorists and throughout Scandinavia owning cars that run only on are good. The fuel warning, unleaded petrol could be unpleasantly surprised when they make their first fuel stop to holiday across the Chanhas been immediated with requests for routes to such nations as Poland, Hungary and Romenia.

East Germany is building up unleaded outlets with the pace forced by West German whom use cars running on unleaded fuel. However, while Hungary is best supplied in Eastern Europe, Bulgaria and Poland have few pumps

Leaded petrol quality varies Thousands more motorists, widely, with some countries the have cars adapted to run stocking very low octane fuel which could cause problems to some British cars. The AA said motorists should make themselves aware of potential

The vogue for travelling to Eastern Europe presents probleaded pumps in Italy, Greece leans for every driver, who and Spain although supplies in must be sure what petrol Switzerland, The Netherlands, supplies are available and Luxembourg, West Germany, what quality it is likely to be."

Hot cross buns are handed out in church

By Nicholas Watt

The 300-year-old tradition of distributing hot cross buns on Good Friday at St Bartholo-mew's Church, the oldest in the City of London, was congregation of 100 tourists and local parishioners.

The Rev Arthur Brown, the rector, handed out the customary buns at the beginning of the service and told the congregation that if they were not big enough there would be more at the end.

The ceremony is known as the Butterworth Charity after the publisher Joshua Butterworth, the publisher. In 1887 be put £22.10s into government securities, to top up the 17th-century charity, which enabled the rector of the church to spend the interest on bons and a new sixpence to hand out to 21 poor widows.

Mr Brown told the congregation he did not know what had happened to the bequest. The money is now collected in the church after the distribution of buns to the

● Two hundred pilgrims carrying heavy wooden crosses, who walked more han 100 miles to the holy village of Walsingham, north Norfolk, yesterday arrived to begin the Easter vigil. Tomorrow they will decorate their

The pilgrimage to Wals-ingham began in 1948 and every year since then students from six centres around the country have made the annual Easter pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady.

 An ecumenical group of 20 parishioners at Poplar in the East End of London performed a passion play in the local market in Chrisp Street Led by the Rev Niall Weir,

who played Jesus, dressed in a black sack with bare feet, the group used a balcony overlooking the market to perform The Way of The Cross.

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Rail bridge safety rules 'neglected'

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

cused yesterday of putting Dublin-Cork line in 1987 after lives at risk by failing to a lorry hit a railway bridge implement its own safety over the main road. recommendations for railway

Mr Peter Snape, a Labour transport spokesman, published the recommendations of a 1987 internal Department of Transport report aimed at Department of Transport recutting damage to railway s caused by hugh lottics hitting them and said that not

one had been put into effect. The Department of Transport, however, said that some of the improvements were

Mr Snape said that many railway workers were worried that with the spread of highspeed trains there was a growing danger of one being derailed at a bridge damaged by a heavy goods vehicle.

The danger occurs when the tracks are displaced by the impact. Two passengers were risk bridges.

THE Government was ac- killed at Limerick on the

Mr Snape said that a similar Mr Snape same tragedy in the United King-tragedy in the United King-

dom was inevitable. speeds over 100 mph there is a clear risk of disaster," he said. Recommendations in the port included improved road SIEDS, STRUCTURAL TOPS increase the clearance at some

vulnerable bridges and new procedures for notifying highway authorities and police of movements of high lorries.

The Department of Transport said that since the report it had started putting up improved signs and infra-red beams at high-risk bridges. It was hoping to instal about 10 in the present financial year. Regulations had also been brought in to make signs mandatory in front of high-

Teachers' union tries to break grip of far left

By David Tytler Education Editor

THE political future of Britain's largest teachers' union could be decided next week when the moderate leadership of the National Union of Teachers attempts to break the influence of the hard left.

An emergency motion from the executive that would allow members to decide the next steps in the campaign for improved pay will be debated on Monday. If it is passed as expected, officials will begin a consultation exercise involving all 190,000 members.

The findings will be put to a special conference in the autumn and used as the basis for the pay campaign, Moderates feared that if the decision remained with the annual conference, which opens in Bournemouth today, it might be difficult to head off calls for strikes against the government-imposed 8.3 per cent

Mr Doug McAvoy, the new general secretary, said he did not believe that most members supported strike action and that they should be allowed to decide the union's policy rather than a small number of activists who attend meetings and picked re-

solutions to put to conference. He said: "What is on offer is not a permanent no-strike pledge. What the union is saying is that it wants to work with parents in an alliance for the benefit of teachers and children and that strike action will hinder rather than help

that process. This is a crucial conference and must not be diverted by the luxury of frivolous politicking on the margins." The hard left is critical of Mr McAvoy's approach to the Government and his refusal to take part in the recent one-day strike held by the National Association of Schoolmasters

and Women Teachers. He said: "The union must bold its nerve and build on the very real achievements of the last 12 months. We are now beginning to influence the Government. They have pulled back on teacher appraisal and the testing of seven-year-olds,

"They will pull back too on the arrangements for funding schools by changing the regu-lations for the local management of schools - provided we keep up the pressure.

 Pupils and teachers should be given a bigger say in what is taught in schools, according curriculum published by the union yesterday.

It also said that children should be encouraged to assess and mark their own work to standards they had previously agreed. In addition, greater efforts should be made to make all subjects equally

attractive to boys and girls. Talks will now take place aimed at involving teachers in the National Curriculum Council, the School Examinations and Assessment Council and subject working groups.

New £5 gets that shrinking feeling

By Neil Bennett, Banking Corresponden

shrink again, but not nearly as fast as its purchasing power. The Bank of England is to launch its Series E £5 note on June 7. The design will not be disclosed until then, but the

engineer, on the other. It is expected to feature him next to his famous Rocket locomotive. The Duke of Wellington notes will remain legal tender until they are withdrawn due to old age.

The new note will also be smaller, measuring 7 cm by B. £5 note was issued in 1957, 13.5 cm, some 16 per cent less it has lost just over a third of than its predecessor. The its size. Had it been indexother notes will also be re- linked, it would have shrunk duced when they are reissued. by 90 per cent to 5 cm by the wallet makers who can cut mistaken for a postage stamp.

THE pound, or rather £5 note, back on leather deliveries, it in your pocket is about to will depress traditionalists who remember when they had to fold a note into four to get it into their pocket. They have already suffered twice in the last 20 years when the 10 shilling and £1 notes shrank into oblivion.

note will have a new portrait of the Queen on one side and one of George Stephenson, the The original white £5 note, in circulation from 1925 to 1956, measured 21 cm by 13.5 cm, as wide as the new one is long.

The public should, however, thank the Bank of England that it has not linked the size of its notes to inflation. Since the first coloured, Series While this is good news for 3 cm, and might, perhaps, be



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Private lives of public men spoke volumes myths; he used the existing corpus.

13/16/2014 13/16/2014 15/16/2014 15/16/2014 By Philip Howard THE black holes of myth before Homer, and of history before Herodotus, the father of history or father of lies, received a measure of illumination when the deepest roots behind our literature and history were explored by the Classical Association, meeting at the University of Kent at

Canterbury, yesterday. Dr Robin Osborne, of Corpus Christi, Oxford, went behind (sometimes rather too coarsely behind) the sex stories in Herodotus in order to find the historical purposes for telling them. One view might be that Herodotus was just a ragbag journo who could not resist a salacious headline,

however irrelevant to history. On the contrary, Dr Osborne thinks

kings, because the Spartan succession and rum constitution were live international issues at the time he was

When Herodotus tells us that Peisistratus, the Athenian tyrant, made love to his wife not in the lawful way", this is not mere lubricity. Such humiliating treatment of an upper-class Athenian lady was meant to be paradigmatic of the tyrant's irregular domination of the Athenian people. Similarly, when Persian monarchs treated their women as pawns, this was symbolic of the way they treated their kingdoms as playthings. They usually got their come uppance

from their women, as well as from Herodoms rarely makes explicit that Herodotus made such a thing of judgements about regimes or states-

the colourful sex lives of Spartan men. He makes his historical comments by using the sex and scatology of a tabloid gossip column. But his purpose was history, not gossip.

Mr Ken Dowden, of the University of Birmingham, rediscovered Homer the self-conscious literary artist, rather than Homer the wandering minstrel of the oral tradition singing other men's shreds and patches. He argued that Homer came at the end of a long tradition of myths and rituals and cults that made the myths millennia before him.

Homer also may have come at the end of the cycle of noets who wrote about other aspects of the Trojan War. Homer adapts existing myth to his literary purposes, and his audience would have noticed his omissions and hints forward, his allusions and dramatic ironics. He did not make the

source for Western mythology to say that he built on, and adapted, an old tradition. Maybe (unfashionably) it was the arrival of writing that made his achievements possible. It looks as though no minor role in the greatness of Homer is played by his individual use of his predecessors, and of the whole intertextual area of Greek mythology. He adapted the tradition to put humanity into the humanities.

Only by recognizing his innovations to the tradition can we notice his greater realism, his humanity, and his restraint. The cyclic epics and the cornus of possible tellings of Greek myths are central to understanding Homer the literary artist, and his contribution to European literature.

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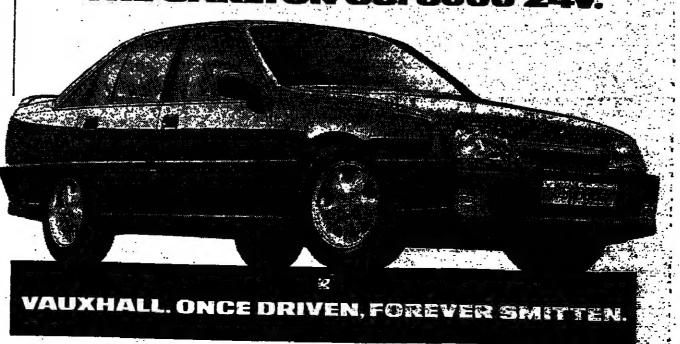
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Tory MPs to rebel at squeeze on police perk

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Mr Waddington conceded

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Shersby said that for an officer

in Norfolk, for example, the allowance would be some £700 lower than it would have

been under the arbitration

of £300 a year for three years.

The police have claimed that

in areas where the community

Mr Shersby said: "Mr

unfortunate for him that be

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spired decision, but the situa-tion remains unsatisfactory. I

have been tackled by up to 70 MPs who have had protests."

several hundred pounds.

CONSERVATIVE backben- 29 forces who last had their chers are planning a revolt allowance uprated in 1988 after Easter over a Treasury were left at that level, in a far squeeze on housing allow worse position than the 14 ances paid to the police. forces uprated last year, ances paid to the police.

Ten MPs have signed an Opposition motion calling for the annulment of regulations implementing the Home Secretary's decision on the rent llowance, and up to 70 have

voiced misgivings about the their allowances uprated by ruling.

Mr Michael Shersby, MP since their last review, but Mr for Uxbridge and parliamentary adviser to the Police Federation, said the proposals could result in some police officers being up to £1,000 worse off than they would have been had Mr David Waddington accepted the Police Arbitration Tribunal

recommendations. Mr Waddington "set aside" those recommendations mething the Home Office told the Edmund Davies Committee in 1977 would happen only for reasons of "grave national importance".

Conservative MPs and the staff side of the Police Negotiating Committee say he has given no such reasons, although he has made two concessions to try to avoid a confrontation with police.

The controversy centres on charge is high, these officers could still be worse off by proposed changes in the rent allowance paid to officers who live in their own homes to Waddington has made important concessions. It was balance the benefits received by the 16,000 officers who live in police accommodation free of rent and rates, and on changes affecting those 16,000 officers who will in future have to pay their community

charges and water rates. The tribunal proposed that the rent allowance — which was previously uprated every two years based on a commercial valuation of properties in an area — should be determined by a new formula com-bining the RPI housing index and the Building Societies Association house price index.

In setting aside the award, Mr Waddington effectively froze the allowance until the force hensing allowance which is lower and came into effect for all new recruits on April 1, has reached the same

The police claim this could take more than 10 years. The decision meant that the

L'Oreal hair products withdrawn

L'OREAL hair care products were withdrawn from sale in Northern Ireland yesterday after the Animal Liberation Front claimed to have contaminated bottles in protest against alleged experiments on animals by the manufacturer.

Four suspect bottles were found in supermarkets of the Stewart's chain. Three were found at Boots stores in Lisbura and Belfast, and another at a Crazy Prices store, also in Lisburn.

Warnings were telephoned to several Belfast newspapers on Thursday.

As Good Friday is a normal trading day, supermarkets and chemists checked stocks for contaminated bottles which, the callers said, carried white

It is the second time in recent months that L'Oreal has been the target of action by animal rights campaigners in

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NEW charges by the pri-risen in many areas and had sider waiving them, initially vatized water companies for fallen in some. "The impos-for a year, to provide the vater and sewerage connection of these charges on transitional relief that the

tion to flats and houses will increase prices and could force be an extremely heavy burden some builders into bank-ruptcy, the housebuilding in-there is no doubt that, in a It is asking for help from the the final straw that causes Government to put pressure liquidations or bankruptcy for on the companies to waive or smaller builders," he says.

defer these charges. Under the Water Act 1989, the compames are permitted for the first time to make an infrastructure charge for each new connection and the maximum, but discretionary, charges vary from £351 in the Northumbrian area to £1,534

In a letter to the chairmen of all 10 companies, Mr Graham Pye, president of the Houseiders' Federation, says that on a rising housing market the extra cost would have been passed on to the customer but in the present depressed mar-

ket this was not possible. High interest rates had used sales problems and builders' own costs had escalated. House prices had not



By John Young

MRS Bearrice Curtain re-cently received a letter from the Evening Chronicle in Bath. Congratulations on 62 years service without a holiday", it

Now, however, faced with a combination of the poll tax and the uniform business rate, she has decided to call it a day.

The little shop, which has been supplying the villagers of Norton St. Philip, Somerset, with tobacco, sweets and newspapers since long before any of the present inhabitants were born, has closed its door for the last time.

"I worked out that, even with a rebate, I would have to pay another £20 a week," she says. "My son said I'd have to work myself to death to earn the extra money. He said it would not be worth it just to pay it to the Government."

The tribunal recommended Mrs Curtain's shop is only that the officers in police houses should in future pay one of hundreds which may be forced to close in villages all their rent and community over Britain. It is a prospect charge, but receive the new force housing allowance. Mr Waddington's decision to which is causing acute concern years have been drawing attention to the plight of the village shop and the serions maintain the status quo for those officers meant that after March 31, they would have to effect that its loss may have on pay the community charge and water rates.

Such shops have become victims of increased affluence, The Home Secretary has since announced they will be given a transmonal allowance enabling people to drive to the nearest town to do their main weekly shopping where prices are generally lower and the choice much wider. Those that have survived rely mostly on small, casual purchases and cannot afford a steep increase

> unlooked-for effects of local government reform," Mr Jeremy Fennell, of Action with Communities in Rural England (ACRE), says. "Village shops are in fact worse off than big shops because they



The picturesque village street of Norton St Philip and (below) Mrs Curtain sits in the doorway of the shop she has had to close after 62 years

overheads by raising prices. Their turnover is small and, as well as rate increases, they are facing higher charges for electricity and water."

District councils have powers to remit rates in cases of hardship, he points out, but in doing so they must pay due regard to the concerns of charge-payers and they may decide that increasing the level of poll tax to compensate unacceptable.

Mrs Curtin, whose parents were born and raised in the village, took over the shop with her late husband in 1927. In contrast, Mr Paul Smith and his wife, Jean, moved into the general store a few yards down the picturesque main street just two-and-a-half years ago.

He was an engineer and she a hairdresser but they both decided they wanted a change. "When we came here the shop

cannot absorb increases in have built up a good busi- reduce them unless they get

"Up to now our rates have been about £500 a year but, what with the new business rate and the poll tax, we would have to pay something like

So they too have decided to shut up shop for good. He has bought a newspaper delivery franchise and she will go back to hairdressing and they will continue to live there. "It's a nice place and we do not want to move but it won't ever open as a shop again."
The local vicar, the Rev-

erend Trevor Farmiloe, is one of three diocesan chaplains for Bishop of Bath and Wells to take a special interest in social and environmental issues. "One of our main concerns

is what is happening to village life," he says. "Shops are having to close because we do not support

"Many of them are tottering anyway and the poll tax and the uniform business rate are likely to be the final straw. "The loss of facilities is

adding to rural deprivation, which is something that townspeople do not appre-ciate. If the big breweries are forced by the EC to sell off some of their pubs it will be the village pubs that go because they are not making "Once you lose the school

the shop and the pub you will lose all community spirit, because there is nowhere for the school is still quite lively with about 40 pupils but more wealthy people are moving into the village and that often means private education.



(NET CAR)

Solicitor training proposals 'would lower standards'

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

"seriously lower standards of entry to the profession", the College of Law has said.

The college, which teaches vocational training courses, says that Law Society proposals to cut the 35-week course to 24 weeks would reduce training time by as much as 40 per cent.

"The necessary ground cannot be covered in that time, except so superficially that it would seriously lower the standard of entry to the profession and result in those entering articles being much less well-prepared than at present," the college said.

Such a reduction in standards would "nullify" any. advantages of plans to in-crease access to the profession and reduce the cost of training, it said.

The proposals, which have been put foward by the Law Society's training committee, come before its council for discussion next month in what is expected to be a beated.

Under them, one-year vocational course would become shorter and more skills-based. It would be followed by a period of employment broadly akin to serving articles, but possibly for 18 months instead

of two years. The college concedes that be properly prepared for there should be more empha-conveyancing and probate.

PROPOSALS for overhanding sis on skills, but says that the the training of solicitors would proposels fail to strike a proper balance between this and gaining an understanding of relevant practices and

> Another proposal is that the finals examination, now Society, would be replaced by a system of internal examina tions conducted by the colleges and polytechnics.

> The college welcomed in-ternal examinations but said that it could lead to the Law Society losing control over entry to the profession and could also result in variable standards between institutions in both course content

It urges instead a combination of internal assessment and an external examination set by the Law Society on the "open book principle", by which students have access to text books.

That would reduce the element of rote learning and maintain consistency of standards, it says.

The college also crticized a proposal to defer the teaching of accounts to a professional skills course to be held towards the end of articles.

It says that the principles of accounting should be part of the new vocational course, otherwise trainees would not

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Water charges could mean bankruptcy, builders say

houses, started last year, will number of cases, it could be

Pointing out that the companies have discretion to vary or waive the charges he "urgently" requests them to con-

"Where a housebuilder has



failed to include in the legislation". The Federation of Master Builders has also expressed its concern at the charges in a letter to Mr David Hunt.

Minister for Local Government and Inner Cities. Mr Bill Hilton, the federation's director-general, said it had not been possible to build the charges into the cost of new developments. They would have to be financed by a significant increase in house

Government, in its baste,

already undertaken to build residential units for a fixed price, perhaps for a local authority, these infrastructure costs are a direct charge rainst his profit margins at a time when they are very low due to a poor housing market," he said.

He asked for the minister's essistance and suggested that the charges be waived for contracts already entered into.

GPs win concession over prescription budgets

justify the excess.

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rigorous than the White Paper on health service reforms

The concessions, which will be seen as a victory for general practitioners, follow months of lobbying by the medical profession to ensure that doctors would not be put under pressure to deny treatment to to be published by the Department of Health next month, will be aimed at the 10 per cent of GPs who prescribe "excessively", but is said to be far more lenient on the others.

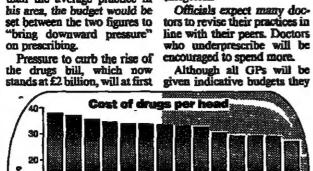
The move reflects the department's recent softer approach towards the reforms. Efforts will now concentrate on encouraging the use of generic drugs and reducing the which range from £26 for each patient seen in some practices to £40 a head in others.

Whitehall sources said last week that the new indicative drug budgets, to be introduced in April 1991, will be set in line with individual GPs' spending in the previous year with an adjustment for general infla-tion, medical inflation and demographic factors. Although the increase may not meet the 12 per cent rise in last year's open-ended drug bill, it

would set regional budgets. These would then be distributed to family practitioner committees (which administer primary health care) and GPs on the basis of historical patterns and expected changes in local population or workload. A practice running a diabetics' clinic, for example, patients. A working paper, due would attract more patients requiring expensive drugs.

This formula marks a significant change from the first working paper which said that where a GP spent more than the average practice in his area, the budget would be set between the two figures to "bring downward pressure"

Pressure to curb the rise of



NEW government guidelines aimed at curbing NHS drugs inflation.

is expected to be well above only be applied to the 8-10 per to cover medical need. In costs are expected to be fair less

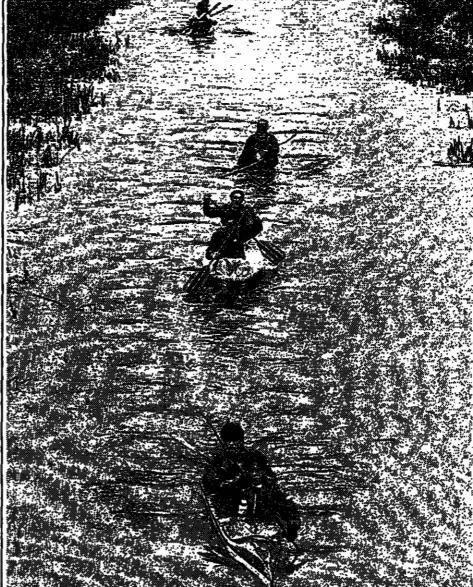
The Department of Health per cent more than the area average, or 50 per cent more in budget will still operate.

one of six drug categories. The family practitioner These doctors will be urged to committee will be able to prescribe more generic drugs or fewer drugs if they cannot appeal for extra funds from the region which can then ask for more cash from the Practitioners who continue Department of Health.

The department is contion costs may face financial fident, however, that a much penalties, although this sancfirmer line of accountability. via the new general managers tion is expected to be applied only rarely. All GPs will be given regular print outs showheading family practitioner committees and regional managers, will bring substantial savings. A failure to curb ing how their prescribing costs unnecessary drug spending is likely be reflected in man-

> decided whether to retain financial incentives for family practitioner committees which spend less than their budgets. The White Paper said allowed to keep 50 per cent of any saving to redistribute to primary health care areas. iome officials argue, however, that the incentive scheme will longer work effectively as

Since the health service White Paper was published in January 1989, the Government has back-pedalled significantly on its plans to restrain



Competitors acting off at the start of the Devizes to Westminster cance race yesterday. The race lasts for three days with oversight stops for juniors and singles

Operation started on the wrong leg

SANDWELL Health Authority, West Midlands, has announced changes in hospital procedure after surgeons began an operation on a patient's wrong leg.

Mr Frank Male, aged 73. General Hospital for a hip replacement operation after fracturing his right thigh bone but operating theatre staff were told the injury had been caused to his left leg.

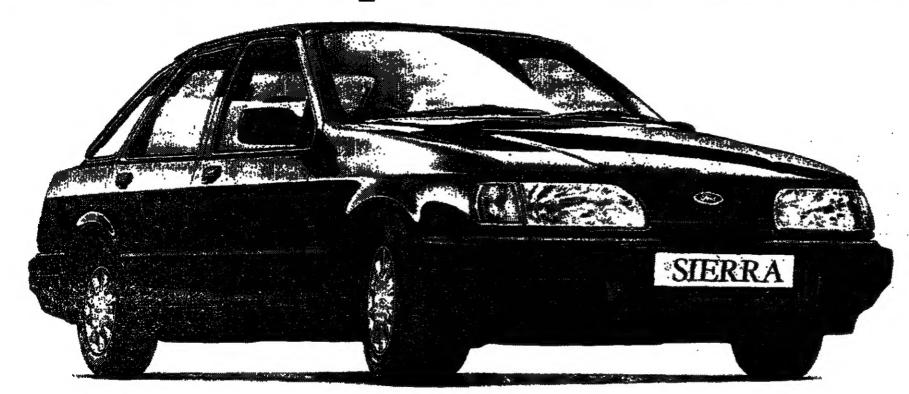
The medical team were several minutes into the operation before the mistake was

A spokesman for the authority said yesterday: "We have apologized to Mr Male and his family but this should not have happened in the first place." Mr Glyn James, director of planning at Sandwell, said: We carried out an exercise to identify what hap-pened and to see if any improvements could be made to prevent it from happening again. It was not a witch-hunt.

"Apparently somebody transcribed a wrong diagnosis on the casualty card and the mistake just continued right the way down the line.

"The mistake was realized by the surgeon in a matter of minutes of an incision being made. The position was quickly rectified and surgery

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Big variations in access to NHS infertility clinics

By Nicholas Wood, Political Corresponder

cs have been disclosed in a Labour Party survey.

Women living in the Oxford and West Midlands regional health authorities have a far man, said that initial referrals better chance of referral to a specialist clinic than those in the North Western region, the

The availability of free treatment for childless couples such as in vitro fertilization (IVF) and artificial insemination by donor (AID) is "patchy" and conceals widespread unmet need, the survey

For instance, the number of infertility clinics per one mil-

'Bedlam' in an operating theatre

OPERATING theatres can be as noisy as a motorway, with surgeons shouting across their patient at each other to make themselves heard above the din, two doctors disclose in The Lancet (Our Science Correspondent writes).

Their study of a serious operation recorded mittent noises of up to 108 decibels, only slightly below the day-time limit at Heathrow airport.

Patients given local an-aesthetics should be offered earplugs or headphones transmitting soothing music to make them feel less anxious, they suggest. The cacophony comes from ventilators, mon itors, alarms, and mechanical and pneumatic tools.

The noise levels can lead to impaired concentration and performance and added stress among the surgeons and their

Dr B Hodge and Mr J F Thompson, a surgeon, from the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, in Sydney, Australia, describe the bedlam in an article in this week's issue of

WIDE regional variations in North Western region. Delays the provision of National in obtaining health service Health Service infertility clinwith 58 per cent of women waiting 10 to 20 weeks and 9 per cent more than 20 weeks. Ms Harriet Harman, an Opposition health spokes-

> per year to infertility clinics were running at 50,000. Yet the number of couple who could benefit from IVF had been estimated at

While fertility services remain regarded as a luxury which cannot be afforded in a cash-starved NHS, the advances of modern science are available only to a limited

lion women aged 15 to 44
ranges from 18.8 in Oxford to
8.8 in North West Thames, 6.2
in Scotland and only 1.2 in the

pay for fertility treatment." Ms Harman announced a series of proposed changes to the Human Fertilization and Embryology Bill, which begins its Commons committee stages after the Easter recess.

They were aimed at implementing additional recommendations from the Warnock Committee, whose report led to the Bill, and ensuring "that all childless couples have access to infertility treatment on the NHS".

However, she gave no commitment to increased health service funding to support extra clinics

She estimated that another 125 were needed to bring the whole country up to the levels of service provided by Oxford regional health authority.

The Labour amendments include a requirement for authority's to carry out an annual review of their infertility services and report to the Government on unmet need.

District health authorities would have to streamline their services so that women wanting infertility treatment were not lumped together with those who were pregnant or seeking an abortion

The moves are likely to be resisted by ministers, who will argue that the supply of such services should be at the discretion of local health authorities and not dictated from the centre.

Crater is linked to primeval disaster

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

TWO American scientists have suggested that a crater on an island near Cuba, made by the impact of a large asteroid or comet, was the cause of the catastrophe that other experts say led to a climatic upheaval

and the extinction of the dinosaurs over 60 million years ago. Dr Bruce Bohor, of the US Geological Survey, and Dr

Russell Seitz, a geologist in Massachusetts, restrict their study to explaining the source of the Cretacious-Tertiary boundary, which is a thin layer of mineral that contains a proportion of the element iridium more evenly distributed around the world than is

found in any other strata. It is dispersed as if it had settled from an atmospheric

If the theories connecting extinctions and impact craters are correct, the disaster arose from the molten particles

object hit the ground and formed the crater

The material slowly surrounded the globe producing a veil of dust that excluded the sun's rays for centuries and changed the climate.

The dust slowly settled to form the layer containing the dispersed iridium that is used by scientists to mark the boundary between two geological epochs.

A report in Nature from the two American scientists describes the geochemistry of the boundary strata at a place known as the Big Boulder Bed, close to a crater to the south of

They conclude from the exceptionally high iridium and other minerals it contains that it received a direct blanket of material from the impact, in addition the slower failout as the global veil of dust settled.

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Internal pressures | Bombay hotel inferno stir Islamabad and Delhi sabre-rattling

From Christopher Thomas, Delhi

under immense domestic agency has ever located a The Kashmir Valley is the pressure from right-wing training camp, athough they best recruiting sergeant that Hindu fundamentalists.

Talk of war continues to esculate in both commies, fanned by Miss Benazir Bhutto's attempts to outflank her opponents in Pakistan and by the burgeoning confidence of Hindu hardliners in India.

Behind the thetonic, however, there is a desperate and determined desire by Islam-abad and Delhi to avoid conflict. Each side is talking tough because of domestic compulsions, with neither believing it will come to war.

Mr. V.P. Singh, the Indian Prime Minister, normally a self-effacing man with a quiet manuer, has disappointed many admirers by his anti-Pakistan outbursts this week. His speech to Parliament appalled some of his closest allies and advisors, who are now appealing to him to lower the temperature. There is every chance that he will do just that, having put his harsh words on the record.

Few people who know Mr Singh well thought he would have ever allowed himself to be manipulated so crudely by the right-wing Bharatiya the Afghan war. Janata Party (BJP). The BJP is plentiful and cheap. the main force behind the Mr Singh was under many hotch-potch minority Gov-compulsions this week to eruneus, to which it does not sound tough. The BJP's nat-

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INDIA accessed Pakistan yes- accessations of direct, govern- suit of subversives across the terday of moving troops and ment-level Pakistani involve- 1947 Line of Control into radar formations into "a war-ment in Kashmir, there is no Pakistani-controlled Kashmir like situation" - the latest evidence to support him. No -a demand Mr Singh has no outburst from a government journalist of international intention of pursuing.

Substantial moral support, however, does exist. Miss. Bhutto has set up a fund for private donations for "humanitarian" assistance for Kashmiri Muslims — money that arguably could assist and encourage the uprising. Additionally, Kashmiri Mushim militants can expect a safe haven on the Pakistani side of the border, provided by private citizens.

Arms certainly do flow across the Kashmir dividing line. The region is mountainous, thickly wooded and criss-crossed by tracks passable only on foot. India, with all its superior manpower, has failed to seal it; it is unreasonable to expect Pakistan to do better. Most weapons are housint in Most weapons are bought in the arms bazzars of Peshawar - second-hand cast-offs from

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For all Mr Singh's implied had just demanded "hot pur-

Assam rail attacks

BODO tribal militants de-railed two passenger trains with bombs in the north-east killed at least 15 people, the people and injuring 10.
United News of India agency Assem is one of the reported vesteroist

It said more than 50 people were injured when two time bombs blew up railway tracks in Assam's Kokrajhar district on Thursday night.

The Press Trust of India put sources said a spate of killings the toll at 13, but quoted and kidnappings by another official sources as saying it militant group had created could go higher. At least 22 panic among Assam growers.

Colombia

reinforces

people were killed on Thurs-day by Bodo bombs. Earlier a bomb, which police said was detonated by remote control,

important tea-growing areas

tea producer and exporter. The bombings marked a new peak in the Bodo fight for their own state. In Calcutta,

have dreamed of. The BJP has Indian intelligence has set up shop in Jamani, the never produced even a photograph. Privately the United of Kashani, where tens of States and other governments thousands of frightened Hinhave frequently challenged india to supply some hard in
Muslim uprising to the north.

These lines in arreditingly. They live in appallingly

> commanding force behind the Government's sweeping secunity operation in the valley. The walls of Delhi carry the BIP, demanding "Save Hindus from slaughter in Kashmar." The BJP is projecting itself as the party of salvation for Kashmiri Hindis. It could easily destroy Mr Singh's feeble Government — a fact that makes it almost a

> It was no coincidence that tion in the Lok Sabha (lower house) of the controvers the BJP had succeeded in pushing for increased spendcosphere in which critics of the increase were silenced.

> for any Indian politician to be

Talk of war by the BJP and sister parties has whipped up the Hindu masses into a frenzy of outrage against Kashmiri Muslim separatists. Hindu extremism is also

being encouraged by Kashmiri Muslim extremists, who have started planting bombs in areas outside the valley where Hindus will be killed. They calculate that prospects for a breakaway will be enhanced by emphasizing the Muslim-Hindu divide.

Kashmiri Muslims have little affinity with Indian or Pakistani Muslims, which is why most gnerrilla groups are campaigning for indepen-dence from both countries.



FLAMES pouring from the windows of the 36storey Oberoi Towers, Bombay's biggest hotel with 950 rooms, after fire broke out on the ground floor and spread to upper levels through service ducts. All the 115 foreign and police said that there had been no casualties except for two firemen who were slightly hurt. Guests ran out carrying their luggage, some dressed only in their under-clothes. Pakistan International Airlines, Air

Li Peng visit will affirm new links with Moscow

between Peking and Moscow, ment last year, have distanced by China (Catherine Sampson and the gradual warming of themselves from the demopolitical and economic cratic reforms taking place in In the capital, office and

Mr Li Peng, the Prime Minister, will visit the Soviet Union from April 23 to 26, becoming the first Chinese head of government to travel first trip to Peking by a Soviet a revisionist.

leader in three decades. The Chinese Foreign Min-istry said yesterday that Mr Li will have an extensive and in-depth exchange of views with Soviet leaders on the bilateral relations and major international issues of com-

mon concern". Soviet sources said Mr Li will meet twice with Mr Gorbachov in Moscow and will make a one-day trip to Kiev. They said it was likely the two leaders would sign an agreement to promote bilateral trade and an accord of

Ching and the Soviet Union

However, China has emphasized that it will never

Europe. Although China has not publicly commented on such actions as the Soviet Communist Party's renunciation of to Moscow since 1964. He will its monopoly of power, inbe returning a visit by Presi-dent Gorbachov last May, the have branded Mr Gorbachov

> Mr Li, who studied electrical engineering in the Soviet Union in the 1950s, is an advocate of traditional Sovietstyle central planning and a firm emph industry. (AP)

> Mongolia fears: China, concerned about the possible collapse of socialist power in neighbouring Mongolia, and worried that opposition to socialism might spread across



Peking

in the 1950s. Chinese leaders, golia, has been paying increased attention in the past who have returned to hardline creased attention in the past few days to the well-being of the pro-democracy move—the Mongolians who are ruled

factory workers, taxi drivers and journalists have been asked to donate clothing to what officials describe as the "disaster-struck" region of In-ner Mongolia. Officials say that Inner Mongolia has been hit by a heavy snowfall, and that one million people need extra clothing.

. But some people are suggesting that there is no real emergency, and that clothing is being sent simply to make Inner Mongolians happier, and grateful to the central

Minority nationalities say Peking neglects their needs, leaving them in poverty. Such areas were devastated during the Cultural Revolution, and say they are still underfunded. The Inner Mongolia campaign may be an attempt to pacify the grievances of the region.

As nationalism grows in the Soviet Central Asian republics and in Mongolia, China is becoming increasingly concerned about the minority areas within its boundaries which border the volatile

Yesterday Mongolia's largest opposition party, the Mongolian Democratic Party announced that it had joined forces with two other groups in an attempt to unify opposition to the Communist Party.

Opposition leaders believe they have a better chance of success in July's elections if

Pilgrims crowd into Jerusalem despite tension

grims yesterday packed its Nissim said. narrow streets to make the annual procession along the the hill on which he was

At the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, a largely Crusader reconstruction of the church built by the Roman Emperor Constantine over Golgotha and the nearby holy tomb, the pilgrims hoisted wooden crosses on their shoulders and held Good Friday services under the eye of hundreds of Israeli border policemen.

Round the corner, at the former Greek Orthodox hostel now occupied by the Jewish settlers, bearded and wellarmed young men in skulicaps muttered into two-way radios, conferred with the Israeli riot police guarding the entrance, and handed out coffee in plastic mugs to reporters.

The violence has dismayed Israeli officials at a time when Western tourists are beginning to return to Israel in greater esterday, after Israeli courts had given the settlers the right to stay for a further four days. But Mr Yaakov Turner, the Police Commissioner, said he expected further unrest.

The violence erupted on Thursday when police used tear gas to disperse a crowd of Christian priests and Arab youths demanding the evic-tion of the settlers. Yesterday Mr Yehuda Pinsky, a settler with an American accent, insisted that the newcomers were merely reoccupying buildings that had been in Jewish hands until 1936. An Israeli court ruled yes-

terday that the Greek Orthodox Church was correct in claiming that the Armenian room hostel had no right to do so. The settlers have appealed to the Supreme Court against this eviction order, and a ruling is expected on Tuesday at the end of the Jewish Passover festival. Mr Pinsky said the settlers would leave if ordered by the highest legal authority. "We are Zionists but not militants", he

lengthy stay, cleaned, public". Religious party sour-scrubbed and installed tele- ces said that he would back Mr port of Rabbi Zeev Nissim, an Prime Minister".

WITH tensions running high Orthodox Jewish city councilover an attempt by Jewish lor, who criticized Mr Teddy settlers to move into the Kollek, the mayor, for asking Christian quarter of Jeru-salem's Old City, thousands of European and American pil-where in the Holy Land," Mr

As he spoke, settler families ignored both the hostile Arab Via Dolorosa, the route tra- crowd and the mildly curious ditionally believed to have mass of Christian visitors and been taken by Christ from the wheeled babies in pushchairs scene of his trial to Golgotha, into the surrounding medieval streets in an attempt to maintain an air of normality.

Just beyond the Via Dolorosa, most pilgrims seem determined not to let the clashes spoil their delight at being in the Holy city for Easter. Many were making the trip of 2

"If you never went to places where there was trouble, you Mr Ron Coles, from Bozeat near Northampton, said. His wife, Mary, said her father had British forces which captured Palestine from the Turks in 1917, so for her this was a

'double pilgrimage". Had she been aware of th violence associated with the Palestinian uprising? "Yes, but we came anyway. On the way here an Israeli soldier seemed to point his gun straight at me. I went up to him and said 'Young man, you look far too nice to be a soldier.' He had the grace to look sheepish."

Yesterday Mr Dorit Beinish, the public prosecutor, announced that policemen who used "unjustified force" at a peace march around the walls of the Old City last Christmas would be prosecuted. Seventy people, including peace activists from Europe, were injured during the police action, which included the firing of rubber bullets and tear gas. Police said at the time that Arabs taking part in the demonstra-tion had raised the banned flag of the Palestine Liberation Organization and had thrown stones, but eye-witnesses said the march had been entirely peaceful until the police

• Rabbi reconsiders: An Orthodox religious member of the Knesset who this week said he would resign rather than support a new Labour government under Mr Shimon Peres yesterday appeared

Rabbi Avraham Verdiger, a member of the ultra-religious None the less, the rambling, Agudat Israel party, said he run-down premises were a would reconsider his resignahive of activity yesterday as tion after "calls and demands ces said that he would back Mr phones, play areas and kitchen Peres "if it looks as if Peres has cupboards. They had the sup- a real chance of becoming

Egypt deplores fast backsliders

From Christopher Walker, Cairo

EGYPTIANS consume more "unswervingly observed" by during the Muslim fasting early Muslims, "the sole month of Ramadan than in preoccupation of almost every the other 11 months of the year combined.

seized on these new statistics to deplore the gluttony and sloth that have increasingly come to dominate the period supposed to be the most spiritual on the Islamic calendar.

The Egyptian papers are full of cartoons of groaning food tables which now dominate most households in the hours between sunset and sunrise when eating is permitted. In many Muslim countries, the stampede to stock larders has pushed prices to levels beyond the reach of ordinary pockets.

The semi-official Egyptian Mail complains that, in stark contrast to the principle of identifying with the sufferings of the poor and needy that underlies the fast, precepts

Egyptian household at the moment is how to amass the Egyptian newspapers have greatest quantity of food at the table for iftar (breakfast) when about 13 hours of fasting is broken."

> Echoing criticism voiced by theologians, but ignored by the mass of the public, the Cairo weekly cites obesity and related diseases in claiming, the enormous amounts of food consumed during the holy month of Ramadan take their unmistakable toll on the Egyptians' well-being." In practice, the month of

Ramadan, which began in Egypt when a crescent moon was spoued on March 28, and most other Arab countries 24 hours earlier, has become a time when struggling economies come closer to collapse due to low productivity and unscrupulous middlemen thrive from price rises.

In the United Arab Emirates, the daily Al-Bayan discovered that civil servants and students were using Ramadan as an excuse to desert offices and schools.

In the Gulf states, expatriates are warned that they will lose their work permits if they eat, drink or smoke in public during fasting hours. Muslim transgressors face imprisonment, fines and flogging.

In Algeria, the Ramadan phenomenon of spiralling prices has been matched by a wave of excesses by Islamic fundamentalists waging an increasingly violent campaign to get the country to adopt strict Sharia law.

Fruit and vegetable prices in Algiers doubled on the eve of the fast, leading to mobs of protesters gathering at the central market.

Targets for the zealots, two months before the first multiparty elections since independence in 1962, in which the Islamic National From is a leading contestant, include restaurants and discotheques in Algiers that remain open during Ramadan.

drug city Medellin - Colombia is send

ing police and army reinforcements here after up to 21 people were killed by a car bomb blamed on drug traffickers this week. Three hundred extra police-

men had already been sent to Medellín, where 26 officers have been murdered in two weeks. More than 240 people have been killed since the Government cracked down on drug cartels last August and drug leaders declared war on the state. (Reuter)

Bombers attack tourist centre

Ajaccio, Consica - A restaurant and several bungalows in a tourist complex were wrecked by bombs early yesterday in what appeared to be the latest in a series of attacks by Consican separatists.

Police said a caller claimed responsibility on behalf-of a wing of the Corsican National Liberation Front. (AP)

Death penalty

Peking - Nine Chinese in Canton have been executed for gon-running, robbery and morder, and four men in Shanghai were sentenced to death for corruption. Sentence is carried out with a bullet to the back of the head. (Remer)

Poll setback

Wellington - New Zealand's opposition National Party has widened its lead over the Labour Government to 27 points, according to an opinion poll yesterday. Elections are due by October. (Reuter)

Cinema re-run

Paris - The French Government is to pay for the renovation of the Saint Michel cinema, damaged by arsonists who objected to the screening of The Last Temptation of Christ in 1988. (AP)

Bangladesh aid

Dhaka - Bangladesh is expecting \$275 million (£167 million) from the World Bank salvage its ailingeconomy. (Renter)

Algeria quake

Algiers - An - camhquake registering 5.4 on the Richter scale hit Algeria on Thursday. There were no reports of casualties. (Rester)

US tuna firms bow to children

From Sesan Efficiett, Washington

amnally in nets used to catch the fish. But now the young boycotters have proved a powerful lobbying force

against hig industry. Their protest - with pressure from environmental groups - this week succeeded in persuading America's three largest tuna canners to stop buying catches of tuna which harm the mammais. A decision to attach "dolphinsafe" labels to tins of tuna from this summer should end traumatic scenes in supermarkets across the nation as children have pleaded with parents not to buy fish packed by companies which might have killed their favourite

marine park mammal.

Because they are mammals dolphins need to breathe and they drown if trapped under

water for more than 15

From Charles Breamer

IT TAKES a creative lawyer to come

up with a suit novel enough to raise cycbrows in America, where litiga-

tion has long ranked close to life and

liberty among the inalienable rights.

so stretched credibility, and even metaphysics, that they have set

reformers on the warpath and raised

fears for the future of whole in-

dustries and professions, particu-

At the heart of the trouble lies the

growing propensity of juries to award multi-million-dollar damages

for gnevances that range from the far-fetched to the frivolous.

Take the case of Mrs Kirsten

Madsen a Nashville woman who

brought suit last week against the

hospital where she recently gave birth. She is claiming \$4 million

(£2.4 million) for the distress caused

to her by the fact that hospital staff

nicknamed her newborn baby "Smurfette". They came up with the

larly the inedical one.

But a clutch of recent cases have

New York

For years, tuna fishermen have used the sightings of dolphies, which swim along-side shoals of yellowin tuna in the eastern Pacific, to tast

their circular nets.

Amid growing concern in campaigning for protection the United States about for dolphins since the 1970s,

AMERICAN children have won considerable support. An been turning up their noses at estimated 80,000 to 100,000 tinned time for the past year in dolphins die in the pouch-like school cameens after learning nets each year in the rich that thousands of dolphins die ern California and Chile.

Environmentalists hailed the decision by the US firms as the most again cant step for almost 20 years towards sav-ing dolphins. Fishing fleets, however, accused the three canning companies of appealing to human sensitivities as a ploy to boost sales. They claim many fishermen will go out of business since it is almost impossible to avoid trapping dolphins. The new policy to protect dolphins is the latest example of large companies seeking to assure customers of

a green lining beneath their profit motives. As in Britain, firms have deluged consumers with new products purporting to be en-vironmentally friendly. The pace has increased as the US prepares to celebrate Earth

Day later this month. It also illustrates the growing public discontent over the traditional protection by Congress for powerful industries with activities seen as envirommentally harmful. Americans have been

ters - in a test performed on the

Mr Gordon Crovitz, a legal com-

mentator, said: "This case suggests

tort law has deteriorated so far that

no one can know if a case is absurd

or serious." Even the lawyers who

take on such weird suits, in the hope

that they will pocket hefty con-

tingency fees, were astonished by

how much they could get away with.

mry awarded a mugger more than

ing inflicted by a policeman, who

wounded him while the magger was

strangling and robbing an old man.

In Delaware, a shopping centre was ordered to pay undisclosed

millions after a jury blamed it for

failing to protect customers from a mad woman who walked in and shot

The Ford Motor Company was

ordered last week to pay \$6 million

to a couple whose child was killed in

name because the child's skin had a 1988 accident because it had failed

10 people in a rampage in 1985.

\$1 million compensation for suffer-

In the past month, a New York

mother shortly before labour.

general principles on easing military tensions along their 4.300-mile common border.

split over ideological dif-ferences around 1960, and fought a brief border war in 1969. Relations have steadily improved since the mid-1980s when Mr Gorbachov came to power, particularly after he withdrew Soviet forces from Afghanistan and pledged to reduce Soviet military forces in Asia.

environmental protection, the when an estimated 500,000 return to the close relations campaign to save dolphins has were killed in nets each year. with the Soviet Union it had

colour of the Smurf cartoon charac- rear seat. Ford had not been

required by law to fit the belts.

being blamed for the failure of

modern contraceptive techniques

Now the surge of malpractice

litigation has taken a new turn with

the birth of a handicapped child.

children against their parents.

Several states have already en-

Junies are also breaking records

with damages for the death of chil-dren, often in incidents where com-

mon seuse would attach no blame. A

Florida driver was ordered to pay \$2

already common in Europe.

Mr Li: Expected to sign 2

Reformers sue for peace on litigation battlefield

traffic against a traffic light. Similar negligence suits by the Last month the National Journal bereaved and injured have crippled the US light aircraft business, raised of Law set out the formula for winning the sympathy of juries: prices in every industry and are "Standard procedure includes the testimony of Scout leaders, stacks of Valentines and vacation snap-shots," it advised. "Telling a jury American companies to market that the parents do not seek sympathy and cannot be recompensed for the tearful hours has become de

the invention of a novel doctrine: rigueur." Grisly videotapes of the deceased also helped, it said. the right not to be born. Doctors are being sued successfully by parents who charge that they "inflicted Perhaps the most novel of all the new theories is now being tested in a wrongful life" by failing to detect Los Angeles court. There, Mr John Moore is suing a surgeon and a researcher for the "theft" of part of problems in pregnancy that led to his body - his cancerous spleen. He acted laws to head off a flood of claims they used cells from the expected "wrongful birth" suits by organ, removed in 1976, in the development of a new cancer drug. Mr Moore is seeking a big slice of the

estimated \$3 billion he estimates the drug will carn on the market. The movement for reform is gathering pace, however. Mr Robert \$3,800 medical bill.

been temporarily dyed blue - the to install shoulder seathelts in the million to the parents of a girl whom Moshacher, the Commerce Sec retary, last week threw his weight behind a Bill that would create a he hit after she darted into busy single, federal standard for product liability. This could free state courts from the pending morass of claims that are clogging the state civil

> In Congress - an institution dominated by members of the legal profession - three California Republicans are seeking to dampen the enthusiasm of greedy lawyers for risking the more absurd suits with a Bill that would impose what is known here as "the English rule" This is the practice under which the loser pays the costs of the winner.

The Supreme Court agreed last week to decide whether a jury's award of damages can be so excessive or disproportionate as to violate the Constitution's guarantee of due process of law. The case being tested involves an award of \$1.04 million to a California woman who sued her insurance company for failing to cover a

Confession lifts grim shadow

From a Correspondent, Warsaw

63, whose father died in what the world now knows as the Katyn massacre, the Soviet Union's decision yesterday finally to admit culpability is too little, too late.

Captain Andrzej Drozd was ordered to the Polish eastern front three days after Germany declared war on Poland on September 1. The Soviet Union attacked from the east on September 17. He was captured by the Russians in the early days of the war and was last seen in the autumn by a friend's wife in a transport train heading east.

"At the railway station he gave her his wedding ring and all the money he had to give to us," said Mrs Szostek. "Our mother died before the war, so 12 then, my younger sister was six and the oldest was 16."

father. "On the first postcard, I remember he wrote 'I am interned in a camp in Starobielsk'." Starobielsk was one of three camps from which 15,000 Polish officers disappeared in the spring of 1940, never to be heard from

In April, 1943, when the area was in German hands on the Soviet Union, the of some 4.500 Polish officers, most of them with hands tied with rope or barbed wire behind their backs and each shot in the back of the head with a single bullet.

Most of those officers were later determined to have come This is a kind of procrastinafrom the Kozielsk camp. The tion ... It is good when the fates of those at the murderers confess their crime. Starobielsk and Ostaszkow But the murderers must camps are still unknown.

"There were no more postcards in April or after that. We were waiting for father's return," Mrs Szostek said. "His last words to us, when he said farewell on September 4, were Poland, Poland, what is happening to you?"."

Mrs Szostek, a retired architect, said: "We are owed a moral compensation. We do not want a trial or death sentences for the murderers but perhaps the other side should come up with some initiative, like a monument or a beautiful cemetery."

She said she was aware that not much could be done by the years after Katyn - and even cast a shadow."

FOR Mrs Zofia Szostek, aged the Polish people themselves were afraid to talk about it." "Just after the war, when I

was a student, I wrote an application for a scholarship. I wrote I was an orphan, that I had lost my parents. But I only wrote my father was in the Polish Army. I wrote 'He was lost in the war.' I never wrote he was lost in the Soviet Union. We were afraid."

After 1980, she said, "we started to speak openly about it, and to put up the first monuments".

Following several years of unofficial commemorations on April 3, the anniversary of the beginning of the killings, the communist Government at last bowed to pressure and allowed a large granite monument to be erected to their three daughters were left. I was memory in Powazki military

it outraged Poles She and her sisters received because the inscription said three postcards from her the officers were "murdered by the Nazis" - the official Soviet line. A few years ago the inscription was rubbed out, as was the one at the Katyn site itself in the Soviet Union earlier this year.

Asked whether this could mean a change in Soviet-Polish relations, she said: "I have hope, but the past has taught us to be careful ... We after their declaration of war count on them telling us where are the graves of the others Germans exhumed the bodies killed, so we will be able to go to those graves and somebody will show us, 'this is the place'. But my hopes for that are very, very slim."

In Gdansk, Mr Lech Walesa, the Solidarity leader, said: "I was expecting this. But the murderers must remember that this is only half of the problem." He said the question of compensation must also be discussed.

Polish radio said: "Thousands of Poles have waited for this information for 47 years. After the official admission

in Moscow by Tass, Mr Mikolaj Kozakiewicz, the Sejm Speaker, said: "This is responsibility for what has happened. I think that this act of courage will have a positive effect on the Polish-Soviet Polish Government in the relations on which Katyn has



Light in the darkness: A relative of a Polish officer killed in 1940 lights a memorial candle at Katyn last October

Kussia's long road to the truth

From Michael Binyon Moscow

THE Russians' admission of guilt for the Katyn massacre is the culmination of a three-year investigation undertaken by a ioint commission of Polish and Soviet

Yesterday's admission by the Soviet news agency Tass said: "Just recently, Soviet archive workers and historians discovered some documents concerning Polish servicemen who were kept in the Kozielsk, Starobielsk and Ostaszkow camps by the NKVD security police.

"It follows from these documents that the recognition by the Soviet in April-May, 1940, 394 of the 15,000 or Union . . . of a truth known in so Polish officers kept in the three camps Poland for many years ... were transferred to the Gryazovetsk This truth ... is an act of camp. The larger part, however, were courage in taking the moral 'turned over to' the NKVD (People's Commissariat of Internal Affairs) administrations in the Smolensk. Voroshiloverad and Kalinin regions and never mentioned in NKVD statistical accounts since. The discovered archival material puts direct responsibility for the

atrocities in the Katyn forest on Beria, Merkulov and their henchmen."

The Russians have been edging steadily closer to this admission for several years, but have clearly found it too shaming to spell out officially until now. It has been one of the main demands of the new Polish Government headed by Mr Tadeusz Mazowiecki.

Three weeks ago Moscow News, a radical weekly paper, said that the Poles were almost certainly killed by Soviet forces, and named the officials and NKVD officers responsible.

Miss Natalya Lebedeva, an historian, told the paper that 15,000 of more than 130,000 Poles captured after the Soviet-German division of Poland in 1939 disappeared a year later when the Soviet military authorities cleared out the camps where the Poles were held, probably to make room for a large influx of prisoners expected after the annex-

ation of the three Baltic states. She said that the archives did not contain any actual order to shoot the men but "proved irrefutably" that the

men were turned over to the NKVD, and that 15,131 people "disappeared into nowhere".

The Russians may have waited this long to make the admission because one of the chief exponents of the lie that the Nazis killed the men was Andrei Gromyko, the former Foreign Minister, who retired with honour as President in 1988 and died last year.

For years the Russians went to elaborate lengths to prevent and confuse any discussion of Katyn. They erected a moving memorial to men, women and concluded: "This committee children massacred by the Nazis in a village in Belorussia with the conveniently similar name of Khatyn.

In the past three years, other falsifications of history have been revealed under missariat of Internal Affairs) President Gorbachov's policy of glasnost, including the secret protocols to the Ribbentrop-Molotov pact, the show trials and pre-war purges, the extent of the spring of 1946", the Gulag labour camps, the number of the pointed out the Gulag labour camps, the number of the pointed out to the lowed by an apology, compen-people killed by Stalin, and the induced foreign Office. Here we have settion for the families, and the familie in the Ukraine during collec-tivization of agriculture.

Soviet guilt
highlights
inertia by UK

By Andrew McRown Phalmant, Plan.

By Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Editor

underlined the weakness 37 years later." shown by successive British accuse Moscow of the killings.

The Government has possessed strong evidence since 1944 that it was the Russians, not the Germans who were originally blamed, who killed 15,000 Polish officers, yet allowed the British public to believe there was some doubt

The Foreign Office said there was no proof, disregarding both its own files and American evidence, while Church of England authorities in London objected to the construction of a memorial to the victims. The Soviet Em-"provocative". In 1976, when sympathizers of the Polish widows circumvented the objections and built a memorial, the Government boycotted the unveiling.

No one did more to awaken the British to their leaders' lack of courage than Mr Louis FitzGibbon, a former General Secretary of the British Council for Aid to Refugees, which later became the British Refugee Council.

He discovered in 1969 that there were large numbers of widows in London whose husbands had disappeared at Katyn, It prompted him to write three books on the massacre and hundreds of angry letters to people in authority. In copies shown to The Times he has barked the word is not too strong - at the Foreign Office for its timidity.

In a letter last July he produced a report of a US congressional committee ination into the massacre in 1952. The investigation unanimously agrees that (the) evidence proves concin-sively and irrevocably the Soviet NKVD (People's Comcommitted the massacre of the Polish government in ex-Katyn forest ... not later than

THE Soviet admission of guilt Katyn in 1952, while the UK for the Katyn massacre has prevaricates in 1989 - some

Recently the Government governments which failed to has sounded a little less feeble, though still not robust. Mr William Waldegrave, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, said in reply to a Commons question on March 19, "There is substantial circumstantial evidence pointing to Soviet responsibility for the Karyn massacre. We urge the Soviet authorities to help establish the facts once and for all."

Mr FitzGibbon has had to ? wait to the age of 75 to see the fruition of 20 years' work. He said yesterday: "On this Good Friday, this day of Golgotha, may forgiveness be granted to those who can from the truth bassy in London had said it and tried to cover up these would regard a memorial as frightful crimes - they will know who they are."

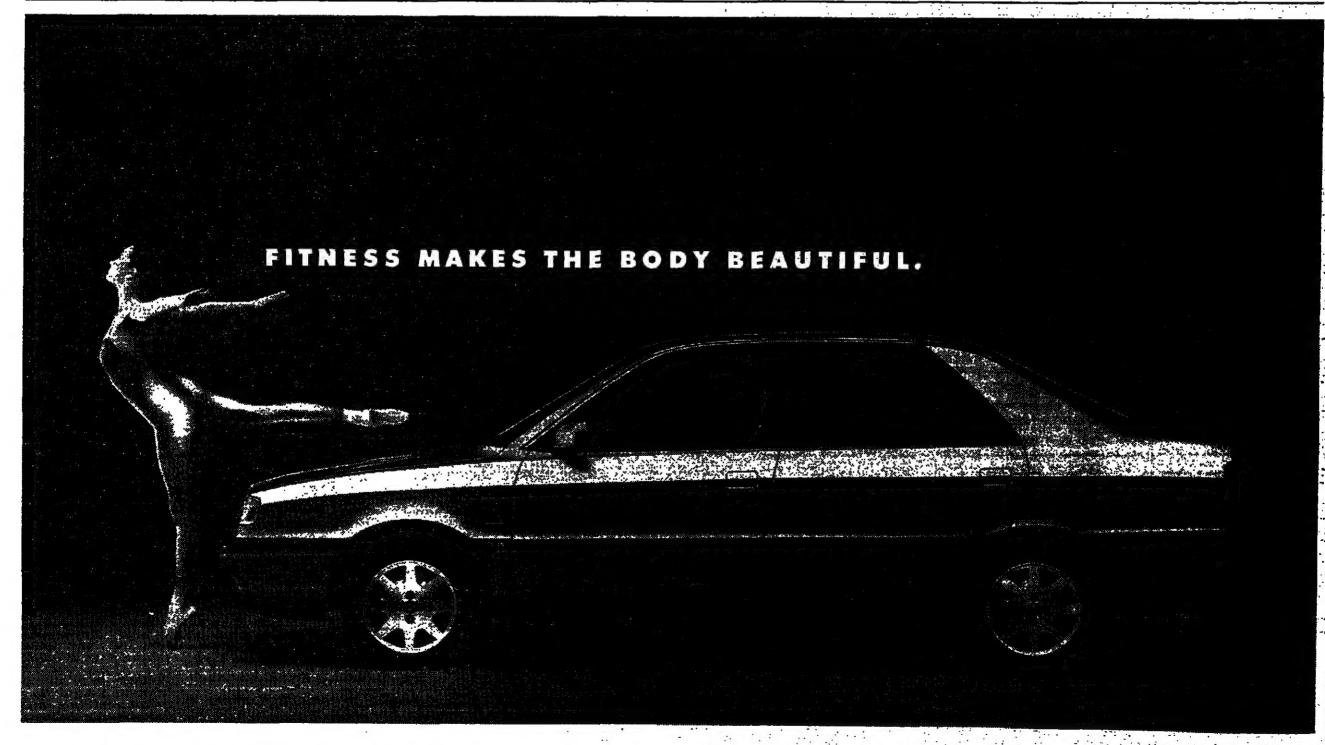
He has not forgives the Church for having blocked the construction of a 23ft black granite obelisk in Chelsea to commemorate the massacre. The size, on a disused burial ground, had been offered by the Royal Borough of Ken-sington and Chelsea, but the Parochial Church Council objected.

It said it wanted the memorial to be smaller and further from the church "so as to avoid provoking hostility". However, Mr FitzGibbon believes its main concern stemmed from the progosed wording which identified the date of the massacre as 1940, which meant it could ealy have been committed by the

The Times had reported that the Soviet Embassy had written to Kensington and Chelses council asking it to find a way to prevent the erection of the memoral.

A Whitehall source and esterday that the facts had been assumed for a long time; what had been needed was an act of admission by the Soviet Union, as a form of cathersis.

Professor Edward Szczepanik, Prime Minister of mission of guilt was only a first step and should be fol-



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Estonia distances itself further from Moscow rule

UNDER the cover of a "step by step" approach to independence, the new government of be made to the tiny Baltic republic of term. Estoma is carrying out a series of measures which are likely to menacing as the Lithusuian declaration of independence.

The parliament's abolition of Soviet military service for Estonians, and its replacement with an "alternative service" inside Estonia, is designed to create an independent police force and to prepare the republic for a possible general strike by Russian workers against independence.

On Wednesday the Esto-nian supreme soviet passed the first in a series of measures cancelling Soviet conscription. The municipal councils, which are responsible for registering young men for conscription, have been ordered instead to set up commissions to recruit them for the alternative service.

The Estonian-majority councils have complied, but those of the three largest towns in Russian-dominated north-eastern Estonia have declared their determination to go on obeying Soviet laws.

Yesterday Tallina City Council's commission for alternative service examined applicants in the city's neo-Gothic town hall. Outside, pallid youths squatted on the floor, many of them registering in advance for future

thrafts.

The commission only began work this week, but already more than 340 youths have registered, about 70 from this be joined by the growing year's draft, out of around 800 number of Estonian shooting due to go from Tallinn.

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As yet, there has been no sign either here or in Lithusnia of a Soviet attempt to picked from the existing force, conscript men by force.

Only about 5 per cent of pistols which may cause some those coming in have been alarm in the Russian population. Those youths not se-Russian-speaking population, lected for the police are being and two of these came back sent to a variety of other jobs. later to withdraw their papers. One asked to work in a Mr Mariu Kivistik, a com- hospital, but found himself mission member, said that at cast instead in the role of

the Marine College in Tallinn, Soviet officers had told the to the armed forces now and police, almost exclusively; tion and statistics about their later tried to take higher Estonian, in ethnic com-com economic position.

education elsewhere in the position, to handle public Soviet Union, they would still order, street patrols and traffic be made to serve their full offences but not detective

The commission sends the name and military card of be seen in Moscow as quite as every youth registered with it to the Army, giving plenty of opportunities for official and social pressure to be applied.

The youths who came be-fore the commission yesterday were being encouraged to join the auxiliary police. So far the commission has recruited 110

force is overwhelmingly Russian and, like Russian policemen in Vilnius, can be expected to obey Moscow's orders in the event of trouble. Fears of Soviet loyalist

movements here launching a campaign of civil disobedience against independence have led to the replacement of . the Russian police com-mander in Tallinn with an Estonian officer, Mr Raik

The new force is to be an extension of the Defence eague, a volunteer force formed over the past few months in response to the feeling among Estonians that the Soviet police were refusing to help Estonians in diffi-culties. Its name is taken from the territorial army of the

The new police are to be given basic training by officers and will be armed with police

assistant engine driver. Estonian councils are also

work. Lieutenant-Colonel Sagrt said that it is planned to recruit 500 of these for Tallinn, which would make 800 new police in all against the 1,200 in the regular police

He said: "I do not think that there will be national difficulties within my police force, because our common business is fighting crime."

of the 300 it says it needs, but Alternative service will less it expects several to drop out. 2% years, six months longer again if they gain entrance to than in the Soviet Army, university this summer.

Apart from patriotic motives, however, there is little doubt mould get the better bargain.

> One of the commission said five Estonians had died in the Soviet Army in the past three months. About 80 Estomans have deserted the Army

Some soldiers and former soldiers in the supreme soviet here were this week sounding increasingly frustrated and traditional in their rhetoric. Retired Colonel Nikolai Aksinin declared: "If we destroy the unity of the Soviet Army, it weakens us against enemies from the West and divisive forces within."

He added "Perestrolka does not free us from our duty" - a remark which may be directed towards Moscow as well as to the Estonian parliament.

 Political symbol: The "Bal-tic Market" announced in Vilnius on Thursday by the prime ministers of the three Baltic republics is likely to remain for some time more of political symbol than an nomic programme,

Officials in Tallinn this week have been vague about the details of steps to be taken towards giving reality to this

At present, virtually all trade between the republics is organized and paid for via

One effect of this centralization and of Soviet rule in ral has been to deprive the Baltic governments of boys that if they refused to go forming their own municipal accurate and reliable informa-

next few days. However, he said he looked forward to meeting Herr Genscher soon. The East German Volks-

Poland's post-war borders. There are also signs that the conservative-led Government in East Berlin may turn out to

ner than West German of ficials had expected. The Government of Herr Lothar de Maizière, the Prime Minister has demanded that many social benefits that East

ployment guarantees. Herr de Maizière, the leader of the Christian Democratic Union (CDU), has already begun distancing himself from Herr Kohl. Referring to the timetable for reunification, he said: "What matters is how it

negotiations between Bonn and East Berlin would begin next week on a treaty to establish economic and social

Q 5225.M ODLUČIMO SAMI The face of democracy: Electoral posters of Dr Franjo Tadiman, who is the leader of the front-running Croatian Democratic Union, lining the

Genscher under pressure

From Girard Steichen

ODLUČIMO SAMI.

WEST German politicians yesterday called for early talks with East Germany's new Government to plot the

Leaders in East Berlin said they were eager for talks, but made it clear they plan to retain some control over the timetable and the agenda. Herr Hans-Dietrich Gen-

scher, the West German For-eign Minister, said he wanted to meet soon with Herr Markus Meckel, his new East German counterpart, to lay the foundations for later "two plus four" negotiations be-tween the two German Governments and the four Allied

Herr Genscher, in an inter-view with Cologne's Express newspaper, again urged that those talks be held as quickly. as possible.

Herr Meckel, newly in-stalled as Foreign Minister after a broad coalition Government was formed in East Berlin on Thursday, appears to have other priorities. He said it was likely his first official visit abroad would be

Herr Meckel, leader of the opposition Social Democrats (SPD), said a meeting with Soviet officials in East Berlin was also planned within the

kammer voted on Thursday to recognize the inviolability of

be a tougher bargaining part-

Germans enjoy be retained, including housing and emmarrow transplant.

is done and not when." Officials said yesterday that

France speeds to the slaughter

Berlin museum catalogues the makings of modern revolution

Honecker, his wearisome slogan "everything for the good of the people" and the assorted propaganda tracts of the Central Committee, were officially relegated to the past this week as East Berlin's Museum of German History unveiled its latest chapter.

The Latin proverb that times change and we change with them might well be the banner hung over the whole of Eastern Europe these days as it flings off its embarrassing past, but in few places do they change with quite such bewildering rapidity as within the sombre walls of the eighteenth-century former barracks on the sweeping Unter

The museum, which for-merly propagated the view that history ended with the "triumph of socialism", is now cataloguing the revolutionary days of last November in an exhibition organized by photos, in front of very dif-opposition groups to com-ferent banners of congratula-memorate the weeks that tion traditionally issued by the Workers' Militia, formed after

den Linden.

Queues of curious visitors enter through a reconstructed no man's land, past an authentic section of the Berlin Wall, sprayed with the message: Walled in for 28 years". Inside, the hall is draped

with the banners and slogans which had filled the streets of Leipzig and Berlin - "Where everyone thinks the same, no one is thinking very much' and a grotesque cartoon of the grinning former leader, Herr Egon Krenz, with the caption Grandmother, why are your teeth so big?"

The exhibition was intended as the museum's contribution to the 40th anniversary celebrations, but had to be closed shortly after it opened in October.

Since then, the historians have been peeling away the layers of sycophancy. Portraits of the former Polithuro hang, like outsize prison identity

THE reign of Herr Erich changed East Germany. Communist Party to itself, the uprising of 1953 and Lovingly preserved on a giant which narrowly missed being red banner are the philosophi- employed again in 1989. cal ponderings of the trade union leader, Herr Harry Tisch: "Great tasks mobilize great deeds when their full significance is realized and they are tackled with

> Herr Tisch is awaiting trial for corruption.

> The Dayglo portrait of Herr Honecker, which has dis-appeared from every office in the country, smiles wanly over the sea of protest banners. His political contribution to dialogue is recorded in a series of identical pictures of him receiving smiling delegations of women, trade unionists and farmers which all end in 'universal agreement".

> The East German visitors find the whole business unsettling. "It is all over, every-thing," said one middle-aged woman, shaking her head in

The entry to the museum's post-1949 section is barred -"to make some additions", says the attendant. This is a shame, as the manner of presentation of history in this section was itself a piece of East Germany's own history. with its lurching course of rehabilitations and air

Here thousands of schoolchildren learnt that Nazism was "sustained by the re-American monopoly capital and that the victory of the Soviet Union established a "hitherto unknown order of socialism in an unjust world".

In the visitors' book, the makers of history record their obituaries for a state. One signed simply "A dem-onstrator" says: "Forty years asicep. Regrets."

Beneath, an anonymous apology: "Forgive us; we believed the lies."

Romania

attacked

over ban

EXILED King Michael of Romania said yesterday that the new Bucharest leadership

committed a "grave act" by barring him from visiting his

native country over Easter for

The Romanian authorities

revoked the King's visa as he

was leaving Geneva for Bu-

charest on Thursday. In a communiqué yesterday, he said: "The decision of the

Bucharest authorities pro-

hibiting entry into my country

is a grave act. Those who

committed it will have to bear

the full responsibility before

the Romanian people and international public opinion."

Government cancelled the vi-

sas for King Michael, his wife.

Anne, and his eldest daughter,

Princess Margarita, after urg-

ing in vain that the visit be put

off until after the May 20

elections. A statement said the

visit would "exacerbate exist-ing conflicts" and endanger

the King's security.
In his communiqué, King

The provisional Romanian

the first time since 1948.

Church battle sours new Soviet religious freedom

From Michael Binyon, Moscow

AS RUSSIANS prepare to the Uniate Church, a punish- and attempting to give reality cclebrate Easter in unprocedented numbers, a row has erupted between the Russian Orthodox Church and the Uniate Catholics of western Ukraine over their occupation of churches forcibly removed from Uniate congregations by Stalin in 1946. A spokesman for the Rus-

sian Orthodox patriarchate appeared on prime-time television on Thorsday with a forceful appeal to President Gorbachov to eject the Ukrainian Eastern Rite Catholics from churches, including St. George's Cathedral in Lvov, handed back to them last week. The first Fastern Rite. services are due to be held in St George's today.

The spokesman accused local authorities in western Ukraine, many of them radical nationalists recently religious organizations is elected, of promoting violence and illegality. He said Orthodox believers would be forced to pray on the streets. The delicate issue of how to ities, reinforcing punishments

deep religious wound". The quarrel has over-

dilapidated. A new law guaranteeing

reverse Stalin's dissolution of for anti-religious activities:

going through the Supreme Soviet. It also aims to stop local Communist Party intim-

Second World War, has been referred to a commission set up by the Moscow patriarchy and the Pope, but negotiations have been deadlocked. The Holy Synod of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church has accused local authorities of violating the agreement not to seize churches and appealed to local deputies and the republican government to help heal "the

ment for alleged collaboration to earlier constitutional guar-with the Nazis during the antees of religious freedom.

shadowed what should otherwise be a joyful Easter, after the removal of many restrictions on religion. Some 3,500 churches are to be allowed to reopen, though many are

freedom of conscience and idation of religious commun-

Church bells are now rung before services in many places, including Novode vichi, an ancient monastery in central Moscow. Religious figures appear on television, and Soviet television aired a discussion on Thursday of religion, morality and the influence of the Church. Church music is performed at concerts, and public officials quote from the Bible.

Metropolitan Pitirim, a senior bishop in the Moscow patriarchate, is a member of the Supreme Soviet and is widely tipped as a possible successor to Patriarch Pimen, the Orthodox Church leader. Meanwhile, Soviet citizens

have been scouring the shops for ingredients of the typical Easter cake, and thousands will go out to cemeteries this weekend to observe memorial gatherings and clean up the graves. They are expected to this evening.

US hospital treatment for Chernobyl air hero

Seattle exposure. His plight came to paper, the daily of the Com-A HELICOPTER test pilot the attention of Captain munist Party Central who was named a hero of the Parlier, the light helicopter Committee, said investigators Soviet Union for his courage testing and evaluation direcduring the Chemobyl nuclear tor for McDonnel Douglas disaster has been admitted to Corporation in Mesa, Arzona, a hospital here for a bone who lobbied members of Con-

Mr Anatoly Grishchenko, aged 53, was the first victim of treatment. the Chernobyl disaster to be taken to the United States for

Doctors at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Centre said on Thursday that Mr Grishchenko was suffering from pre-leukaemia and gave him a 25 to 75 per cent chance of recovery with the bone they lacked the experience to

Mr Patrick Beatty, an assothe University of Washington and a member of the US said. medical team, said the team was seeking advice from radiation experts.

some things." Mr Grishchenko, speaking through an interpreter, told reporters he had made five flights through heavy ionizing radiation to dump sand and wet cement on the burning Chernobyl reactor and for reconnaissance purposes after the nuclear facility exploded

on April 26, 1986. His Mi-28 helicopter was gress, federal agencies and universities to arrange for his

There was a great deal of empathy among pilots, Cap-tain Partier said.

"it's a small family. Experimental pilots have kind of set themselves apart by what they brotherhood." Soviet doctors had felt that

perform the bone marrow transplant, Mr John Hansen, ciate professor of medicine at who is the clinical research director of the medical centre.

The cost of the treatment which normally runs from Mr Grishchenko was not \$185,000, will be paid for by the normal type of patient, he the Soviet Government, hossaid. We do hope to learn pital officials said.

• Reactor closed: A nuclear reactor in a Soviet power station was shut down on April I after a hydrogen leak, but there was no radioactive contamination, a Soviet newspaper reported yesterday. Cracks were discovered in a

water-cooling system in the plant at Nikolayev in the southern Ukraine near the Black Sea, said Rabochava

decided that there was no contamination to the power station or to a workers' village.

It said rumours of a big accident had alarmed the local population and in neighbouring Moldavia. Almost four years ago the

Chernobyl nuclear power station in northern Ukraine caught fire sending a swathe of radioactive particles across a large area of the Ukraine and Belorussia, causing worldwide

Thirty-two people were killed and tens of thousands were forced to evacuate from contaminated areas.(Reuter). AFP)

Soldiers found: Five Soviet soldiers abducted by an armed gang in Armenia on Thursday were found last night, un-harmed but without their guns and ammunition, Tass reported.

The five were captured by a group of some 15 men armed with automatic weapons and dressed in military uniforms in an early morning raid on a checkpost at the village of

Interior ministry troops are deployed along the frontier between Armenia and Azerbaijan to prevent further bloodshed in the two-year-old quarrel

Tass said the soldiers were returned to their units. A search was being carried out

Michael said: "I want to reiterate that I chose the feast of Easter for this first return to my country after 42 years of exile because this feast has a sacred character. The feast symbolizes resurrection and bope for the Romanian people after so much suffering."
King Michael, who was

forced to abdicate on December 30, 1947, told a press conference after the over-throw of Nicolae Ceausescu that he was prepared to return to Romania as head of a constitutional monarchy. But he indicated that this would have to be subject to a. national referendum. "I reaffirm my willingness to serve terday's communique, issued at his residence near Geneva.

The King, who would have travelled on a British diplomatic passport, also said he was never officially stripped of his Romanian citizenship. He said he never sought renewal." of his Romanian passport because that would have amounted to a recognition of

the communist regime. He said on Thursday that he was still planning a visit "as soon as possible". Mr Romulus Neaga, the Romanian Deputy Foreign Minister, indicated in Bucharest that the King would get a visa after the

AS THE annual Easter carnage began on roads all over France yesterday with at Tribuna, a daily newspaper. It fitted with lead plates and he The striking absence of any clear perception of the public good, of civic wore a lead-lined suit, but they said the reactor was restarted aware of the risks involved. apparently were not enough to on April 8 only to be closed search was being carried or protect him from radiation again the next day. The news- for the kidnappers. (Reuter) Whatever can be done to prevent responsibility, among the stremuously individualistic French at large is often either group from killing themselves or

least 10 people killed in the stampede to get off to an early start, the authorities launched yet another nationwide campaign to reduce traffic accidents. "Operation White Flag" has been set the ambitious target of cutting the number of victims by at least one-third during the five-day holiday period by encouraging motorists to obey the law. Only Turkey and Portugal have death

rates from road accidents comparable with France, where the latest official figure of 196 killed for every million inhabitants (that is, some 10,000 per annum) is roughly double that of Britain. Worse, it appears that every effort to stop the French killing each other at the wheel is doomed to failure by public resistance. As Le Monde observed recently, practically everyone in France has an explanation for this, and most disagree

on what to do about it. Yet the police and road-safety specialists have no problem identifying "the French disease": drunken driving is involved in 40 per cent of all accidents and speed is to blame in 45 per cent of all fatal crashes. Speed and drink, drink and speed: can there be another country in Western Europe where so many motorists remain accident ... they simply adore speed". A indifferent to the safety of others (alcohol second group he investigated consisted

stations, provided one buys a meal, too)? bewailed by homegrown commentators.

Opinion polls indicate that, while most people in France are aware of the risks, a significant section of the public simply chooses not to change potentially lethal driving habits. In Le Monde's caustic phrase, the habit of excessive speeding that President Mitterrand has attacked as "a national illness" is seen by some "almost as a fundamental liberty".

A recent survey by France's main institute for research into road safety makes chilling reading. Almost one-third of drivers questioned considered that breaking the speed limit was "a positive nisk", and about the same proportion believed that reducing maximum speeds would solve nothing (when Italy knocked 20kph off motorway limits, fatal accident deaths decreased almost immediately by some 9 per cent).

M Jean-Pierre Caucard, the institute's

chief researcher, identifies this group of

motorists as mainly young and un-

married men "who fear nothing, es-

pecially not the police or the risk of an

is freely available at motorway service of well-educated, prosperous, middle-

aged people, "great devourers of kilometres" at high speed, but perfectly

fellow motorists, do not look to French politicians of any shade of opinion for bold and effective solutions. The fear of annoying voters, of trespassing on precions civil liberties by insisting that police apply the laws of the land, is guaranteed to kill off most initiatives: only last year the Socialist government sunk proposals in a White Paper for the reduction of speed limits in urban areas the creation of a new police force responsible for road safety and a study of the possibility of limiting the engine power of many vehicles.

That last proposition is regarded as a dead letter by France's road-safety specialists, most of whom are resigned to seeing traffic deaths rising mexorably. As one expert gloomily explained, the vast economic interests at stake ensured that it was impossible to clamp down on the automobile as such, "The police refuse to apply traffic laws because they are unpopular, the public authorities won't ram home the message that speeding is the crucial issue." Only demographic change, he con-cluded - older drivers at the wheel -

holds out hope of reducing the killing.

IN ANOTHER sign of comcasinos now reserved for

Westerners.

MTI, the state news agency, reported on Thursday that restrictions on casino gam-bling will be lifted from tomorrow, a week after the country's first free election since 1945 brought a right-wing dominated Parliament to

Marxist ideology regarded gambling as immoral. Hungarians and fellow East Europeans were banned from trying their luck at baccarat or roulette when the first of

forints (£37).

would happen if they won?" Mr Sandor Radics, a Budapest democratic revolutions swept Eastern Europe.

home with them."

tion for the ban pointed to ing. In February, Hungary affirm my willingness to serve rules prohibiting citizens from granted its citizens the chance my country with all my munism's demise, Hungarians holding hard currency worth to get rich quick through a strength in a real democratic will soon be able to gamble in more than 4,000 Hungarian hard-currency lottery set up process," he said in yeswith Austria.

> come," said Mr Sandor Bornemissza, a spokesman for casino manager, asked in an Bornemissza, a spokesman for interview last year before the lottery venture. "Now we're over this."

Hungary ends casino bar

"If they were sure to lose, it barrier in the past was that would be okay, but what (gambling) was uncarned in-

"And it could cause trouble for us if citizens from other socialist countries could take large sums of hard currency

Hungary's four casinos retreat all over Eastern through profits and taxes on opened in 1981. One justifica- Europe, attitudes are chang- gambling. (Reuter)

"The biggest ideological

The chance to reduce Hungary's problematic budget deficit might also have some-

thing to do with it. The Finance Ministry knows that Hungarians have The real reason for the ban stocks of hard currency acwas Markist theory. And now quired on the black market that communism is on the and is eager to take a share



SIMON BARNES

St John's, Antigua

reat masses excite great passion. You have only to go to the cricket here to understand that. It also excites great journalism, of course: witness one of the finest headlines to have emerged from the England team's West Indies tour. It comes from Blast of Trinidad ("The newspaper for everyone"), and reads: "Black Baby for Gooch". The first sentence is equally startling: "Marrilyn Williams has a black baby for England Test cricket captain Graham Gooch, the No I opening batsman for the England team which is currently touring West Indies." Before Brenda Gooch and the twins hear this, I had better continue: "Marrilyn is a 27-year-old mother of three. She lives in Pinto Road, Arima,



Gooch: bowled over?

and she desperately wants Gooch to adopt her baby and take it back to England . . ."
Tell me more, I hear you ask. "I idolize
Graham Gooch." said Marrilyn. "He is very super in his sport and is a very kind and considerate man." She added: "Since Gooch desires to play cricket in South Africa, he should have no problem whatsoever in adopting my black child." Gooch, she apparently insists, would be able to give the child "a better life under the Queen".

ince the row between BBC commentator Christopher Martin-Jenkins and the entire Caribbean after his criticism of the Bridgetown Test umpire, Lloyd Barker, and the West Indies captain, Viv Richards, the BBC has received less than wholehearted co-operation here. No commentary box is provided, and various other logistical difficulties have left the commentators snookered. They are now broadcasting amid Dantesque oppression and Pythonesque confusion, from a box tightly packed with harassed journos howling for facts and telephones. A daunting background noise, to say the least.

truly remarkable cricket match was played in Barbados last week. It A piayed in paroados less was pritted the touring backs of the British Sunday newspapers against the dailies and was umpired at one stage by the England batsman Nasser Hussain. The start was so delayed by the characteristic dilatoriness of its participants that as the final 10 overs were played, bats (of the mammal variety) were emerging from their diurnal hiding places and chirruping overhead. As you would expect, the dailies won.

● Tony Greig, commentator on this Test series for Sky TV, has been criticized for his alleged gleeful shout, on a batsman's dismissal, of "On your bike, Charlie!" According to the producer, Gary Francis, he said no such thing. It was, more elegantly, "Good night, Charlie!"

The on-pitch scandal of the tour thus far has been the sordid slowing down of over rates by West Indies at Port of Spain and by England at Bridgetown. We managed no more than eight overs an hour, sometimes fewer, with grotesque devices adopted to slow things down still further. Mike Selvey, the former England, Middlesex and Glamorgan cricketer, tells me of a



Selvey: at full stretch

remarkable achievement. He and Charlie Rowe once managed 72 overs in a single session of just over two hours. It was an allout effort to avoid a fine for sluggish over rates earlier in the season. It happened in 1983 against Hampshire, who were 210 for 5 after a single session. Selvey says he was bowling properly, even if off a short run. It saved the players £1,000, and at the end of the session he was offered a stretcher to leave the field. Gratefully, he accepted.

ore on great passion. How much would you pay for 48 Liverpool FC match programmes? They are rather special — from the 1892-93 season, which was Liverpool's first, and include a programme for their very first game, their first Football League match and their first FA Cup match. Oh, and there are 13 reserve team programmes, and one from the Lancashire Cup semi-final as a little bonus. The seller is looking for at least £22,000.

The Conservative prime minister asks: "Is Par-liament to be coerced into reversing its decision by the refusal of one set of persons to bear their share in the cost of citizenship? Such a system would mark the end of both law and liberty." Margaret Thatcher in 1990? No. Arthur Balfour in

1903 responding to a ratepayers' rebellion — an episode with many parallels to the anti-polltax protests of today.
The 1902 Education Act

passed by Balfour's administration was an important and radical piece of social legislation, under which the provision of secondary education in Britain enormously improved. To this end, public funds raised from ratepayers were provided to the voluntary schools run by the churches, which taught religion along denominational lines. Nonconformists were outraged by the use of their taxes to propagate Anglicanism and Catholicism. "Rome on the Rates" was their protest slogan, and the Passive Resistance Movement, a campaign of nonpayment of rates, was their

Passive resistance was carried to considerable lengths. Nonpayment resulted in a summons Richard Roberts finds a poll tax analogy in Balfour's day

Protest that hit the Tories

to court, which provided publicity for the cause sufficient to satisfy the conscience of most protestors. But those who persisted in their refusal to pay received a visit from the bailiffs. who distrained goods to the value of the sum outstanding. Those refusing to surrender pro-

perty to the bailiffs went to jail. Passive resistance began in the spring of 1903. Local passive resistance groups were formed up and down the country, a National Passive Resistance Committee was established, and soon the movement had its own paper, The Crusader. By November 1904, there had been 33,678 summonses for non-payment and 1,392 auctions of goods; 54 passive resisters had been imprisoned. Disenfranchisement was another penalty sometimes imposed. By the beginning of 1907, there had been more than 80,000 sum-monses and 2,500 auctions; 199 people had undergone 320 terms of imprisonment, totalling five World War, he made 41 widely years and 167 days. It was a scale of protest and sacrifice which kept the grievance in the public eye and on the political agenda. Prominent in the ranks of the

nassive resisters were clergymen,

doctors and local councillors. among them the mayor and aldermen of Leicester. They also included a number of Liberal MPs, whose actions set a precedent for their Labour counterparts today. Many of these pillars of the community were troubled about defying the law, but like the Rev David Walker, former general secretary of the London Wesleyan Mission, they believed their consciences required them to do so until the priests take their hands off the children".

The leading figure in the Passive Resistance Movement was Dr John Clifford, minister of the Westbourne Park Baptist chapel in London. Between 1903 and the outbreak of the First

reported court appearances for non-payment. Each time the bailiffs appeared to distrain his goods, he handed over two inscribed ceremonial silver trowels with which he had been presented upon laying chapel foundation stones. At each subsequent auction, they were purchased by supporters and returned to him ready for the

next performance. Other passive resisters were adept at attracting attention through the theatre of martyrdom. Sir Charles Edward Shaw-MP presented the bailiffs with the gold watch given to him by his parents on his 21st birthday. A missionary in Kensal Rise settled everything on his wife, "including his bicycle", to ensure he had nothing the balliffs could seize, and was duly sent to jail for a week

These antics aroused ridicule as well as respect. Punch made merry at the expense of the

satirical reports of court appearances. The Rev Dr Mansfield, for instance, told the magistrates "that as a matter of conscience he would sooner see any young child taught the cannibalistic tenets of the Congo Arabs than imbibing any form of Christian doctrine that differed even immaterially from what the defendant happened to believe".

Today's poll tax protesters seek historical support in Wat Tyler and the Peasants' Revolt of 1381, which was provoked by an attempt to collect a poll tax. The Passive Resistance Movement looked back to the English Revolution. Dr Clifford invoked Oliver Cromwell during his courtroom appearances, but it was John Hampden who was referred to most often. Hampden was the MP whose refusal to pay Charles I's arbitrary taxes in the 1620s and 1630s led to his imprisonment and inspired the resistance to the King that

colminated in the Civil War. "The name of John Hampden, and the sets which made him and the acts water made him famous coght to be well known to every English critizen," commented a contemporary. Regretably, few today know the name of this "pioneer of liberty, worthy of respect and veneration by the comment of the manuscript of the manuscript."

all lovers of free government". Even before the arrival of the new rates demands, there was an indication that the grass-roots stirrings would cause political problems for the Conservatives. At a by-election in North Leeds. a large Tory majority was over-turned by the Liberals. At the general election of 1906, the Conservatives suffered a devastating defeat. Although the astating deleat. Although the principal reason was the impopularity of their economic policy, the massive Liberal majority owed something to the passistent activities of the passive resisters. In Wales, where Nonconformism was especially strong, the Tories failed to win a single seat.

single seat.
When the Conservatives face the country in 1992, they may well find there is again a political price to pay for disturbing the ghosts of Wat Tyler, John Hampden and Dr Clifford. The author lectures in economic history at Sussex University.

ANC in need of a different tune

crowd into Wembley Stadium on Monday for the Mandela concert will, I hope, be pardoned one or two quizzical thoughts about the occasion fits into African National Congress strategy since President de Klerk opened the floodgates of change on February 2.

Had the ANC taken seriously de Klerk's public and private signals of impending change in the previous months, the exiled leadership could have returned to South Africa en bloc, making it clear that they would take the initiative rather than waiting for de Klerk to say who could and who could not return. He would have had no option but to accept such a fait accompli.

Nelson Mandela, after consultations with the reunited leadership group, could have set off to call on Mrs Thatcher, Chancellor Kohl and Presidents Mitterrand, Bush and Gorbachov before addressing a special session of the UN General Assembly, putting together a powerful coalition of international support for a phased move towards majority rule in South Africa. In those circumstances, the movement could have comprehensively seized the initiative from de Klerk and could now be dictating the agenda and pace of events.

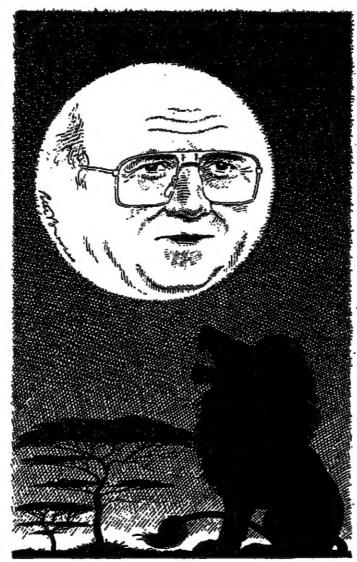
The reality has been a lot more ragged. Mr Mandela's movements have been controlled by a large "national reception committee" (NRC) headed by Cyril Ramaphosa, the able young lawyer who leads the black mineworkers' union. Just before Mr Mandela was released, Ramaphosa had gone to some lengths to play down his signifi-cance. (Ramaphosa is, in-cidentally, an outspoken admirer of Arthur Scargill.)

NRC organization has been poor. Things went wrong from the very start when the driver taking Mr Mandela from Paarl prison to Cape Town city hall on February 11 failed to find the right entrance. The planned meeting there was postponed, resited, brought back, and finally proceeded in disorder with a single hand-held microphone.

Most engagements since then have been late, often by many hours. The NRC has announced meetings without bothering to book a venue; sometimes it has failed to announce the cancellation of meetings, leaving thousands of people waiting in vain. An African friend explained jokingly to me that "We're on African time now from now on everything will be late", and so it has been. Repeatedly the committee has been saved from disgrace only by Mr Mandela's immense dignity

and magisterial calm. The same ragged pattern has been evident in more important matters. After police killed nine demonstrators at Sebokeng, south of Johannesburg, on March 25, Walter Sisulu said the incident would make no difference to the negotiation process. Meetings with de Klerk and

R.W. Johnson sees an urgent need to abandon the rhetoric of opposition and organize for the responsibilities of government



Chief Buthelezi were scheduled, only to be cancelled in the face of furious reaction from township militants. "Talks about talks" with de Klerk have now been scheduled once again, though only after the ANC was excoriated in the South African press for foot-dragging and came under pressure from a number of Western ambassadors.

Meanwhile, apart from Sebokeng, more than 300 blacks have died at the hand of other blacks, mainly in Natal, and all manner of strikes, boycotis, marches and protests are erupting. The ANC has found itself in much the same position as the govern-ment: continually reacting to events it neither planned nor controls.

On Monday, Nelson Mandela will step out of all this into the very different atmosphere of the Wembley concert. Pop fans will give him a royal welcome, as well they might, since his schedule has given them precedence over Bush, Gorbachov, Kohl and even Mrs Thatcher, in her own country. Mr Mandela has not disguised his disagreement with other ANC leaders on a number of issues, and it is possible that his own schedule may be one of these. I expect to enjoy the concert, but the situation is shot through with ironies.

To understand all this, one has

to grasp how deeply the ANC has been impregnated with the defensive culture of opposition. For decades it has sided automatically with - and even claimed as its own - every manifestation of black resistance in South Africa. It is profoundly disconcerted now to find that, like any other political party, it has to risk offending some supporters to satisfy others. Survey data shows there is a huge moderate black constituency which wants law and order, its children back in school and peaceful negotiation, and which actually prefers the idea of blackwhite power-sharing to that of black rule. But the ANC is torn between that constituency and the altogether more strident tones of the young township

radicals, not just because it fears

they might defect to the Pan-African Congress, but because long habit means that as a movement it feels happier with the rhetoric of opposition and the drama of protest.

This instinct probably also explains why the ANC continues to campaign for intensified economic sanctions and even for other nations to break off dip-lomatic links with Pretoria. As the ANC must realize, no country will heed such pleas while negotiations for majority rule are under way. But the movement seems to be happier to bay at the moon, even if it loses credibility by doing so.

n addition, the culture of opposition has left the ANC with an intensely collec-tivist style, in which almost everything has to be subordinated to "the movement's structures". It is assumed, for example, that the return of exiles to South Africa will be collectively organized, and that the exiles will all sign a loyalty oath. In many cases, these people have spent their time abroad exclusively in one another's company, reinforcing a rhemric of opposition rather than reading widely or opening themselves to other influences. This may have been inevitable, but there is a price to pay for this in a tendency always to follow "the line" and a lack of the independent thought which is essential as the movement enters tricky and uncharted wa-

Not long ago I tried to make the point to an ANC official that many of South Africa's problems would be just the same whoever was in power: the population is doubling every 20 years; the country is running out of water; one baby in six born in Soweto has Aids; any government will want a high gold price, and so on. The ANC man bridled at such talk: "We may not care about the gold price. We may decide not to be a mining economy at all. The movement will decide." Even the notion that mining is a matter of simple geology and economic necessity for South Africa was subordinated to a blind faith that the movement could alter reality by pure political fiat.

Many of the ANC's problems, such as its lack of managerial expertise and the absence of a credible organization on the ground, are not of its own making. Verwoerd's curse, Banta education, still lies heavy upon South Africa, as does the heritage of decades of political suppression, harassment and violence. What the ANC has been through is so awful that it can, if it wants, make excuses forever, but it is a temptation it must resist. It has to make the painful transition to maturity as a political party and, more difficult still, to thinking - and acting - like a finure government. It's fine to enjoy the music of protest, but the ANC must now start to hum some different

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Clifford Longley on Christianity's growing respect for other faiths

Truth, though not exclusive

Modern science is famil-iar with the phenom-enon of discontinuity in stature. These breaks are abrupt changes, when one set of laws seems to stop and another to take over. On first discovery, they are intensely disconcerting. for scientific explanation seems. to have broken down; but later work can reveal a transcending theory which explains both sets of laws. The understanding of nature, having sumounted its own discontinuity, is thereby

This is a powerful metaphor for the first Good Friday and Easter, a historical moment of discontinuity par excellence. The scriptural record shows how utterly disconcerted the followers of Jesus Christ were when they realized that all their expectations and predictions were made meaningless by his death on the Cross.

They were, after all, orthodox Jews. They had expected a messian, and thought they had found him. But that his life. should end in public execution, charged with blasphemous sedition by the Jewish authorities, was completely contrary to their. expectation. This was no triumph; this was disaster.

Although the Gospel record

tells the story as comprehensible

even to the participants, it was written some time after the event, in the light of the dawning of a new understanding. Inevitably it is read by Christians today with the full beacht of doctrinal hindsight, in the knowledge especially of the credal definition, which took centuries to emerge, that Christ was both true God and true Man. The creed explains the death of Christ as necessary for his resurrection, and his resurrecand that is how the events of Good Friday are understood by Christians today.

Those present at the foot of the Cross had no such insights. Their first Good Friday is beyond recapture. Nevertheless, Christianity has always insisted on the importance of that day, One of the great evolutionary movements of religious thought in the 20th century has taken as its task the re-examination of that discontinuity, driven by an anxious fear that some of the lessons had for all these years been misunderstood.

The transcendental theory which was the basis for making sense of Good Friday pre-supposed that all that had gone before was mere preparation for that event, and had no other meaning. Thus Christianity took Good Friday as a sign of God's repudiation of his previous covenant with the Jews, who were thought to have served their full purpose in his plan.

That Jesus himself was Jewish as were all his disciples, was no longer deemed of any significance. In time, the continued right of the Jewish religion to exist came to be challenged; and of the Jewish race.

There is a growing recognition that too much of the old was discarded to make way for the new. Despite St Paul's clear statement that God had not repudiated his covenant with the Jews, other Christian leaders, as late as the middle of this century, insisted on treating Jewish servival as no more than a curious anomaly, not part of the hard evidence to be accommodated into their own comprehensive scheme of salvation.

The refashioning of Christian doctrine to make proper room for Jewish existence is far from complete, although the journey has begon and cannot now be diverted. The extent of the required alteration in Christian self-understanding is considerable. It is now hardly regarded as heterodox to believe that Jews are not a proper target for christian proselytism. So the belief in the unique truth of Christianity will have to be approached by Christians in a new way. No doubt some will not find a way that satisfies them, and will abandon the belief absorber.

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belief altogether. Once room has been made for Judaism, it is a small further step to make room for other faiths. The Christian tradition was once proud to insist on its exclusiveness, represented in the phrase no salvation outside the church", but life is no longer so simple. Few apart from Protestant fundamentalists now regard explicit acceptance of faith in Christ as the only way to acaven.

Yet the radical discontinuity of Easter is still preached universally in all the churches, not only the evangelical ones. They still use the old formulas of faith. The official theology of the churches still stresses the uniqueness of Christ and the unique significance for the whole of mankind of the events of his life, death and resurrection. What they say. is the same, but what they now mean is subtly different.
Their implicit belief (to which

their explicit belief has not yet adjusted) is that the uniqueness of Christ's life remains significant, even though knowledge of it is no longer considered a condition of an individual's salvation. This makes the Christian claim more modest and less likely to offend non-Christians.

The great theologian Karl Rahner invented the phrase "the anonymous Christian" to describe those who are, so to speak, covered by the events of the Christian salvation but do not recognize them as true. This is the beginning of the adjostment of the theory to explain the new discontinuity. It is by no means an official doctrine, but the behaviour of the churches towards other faiths today really makes sense only in Rahner's terms. It is a hypothesis at the very beginning of its useful life its implications, great as they are, have yet to be fully explored.

I BLUNDERED into the wrong area at the United Nations drugs jamboree in London this week. it was my fault. There were biscuits upstairs and nobody was

eating them. I was finishing off the second plateful when I realized that everyone else had gone. I rushed downstairs, saw men in suits disappearing through swing doors, and followed them. The seats (each provided with headphones and placards marked with names like 'Gabon" or "United States") were all taken, so I found a corner

next to the rostrum itself. Later I was expelled. "How on earth did you get in?" they kept asking. It seems there was a separate balcony for the press; I had joined the delegates. Nobody challenged me during our PM's opening speech, however. That is how it came to pass that she was

Caring for someone else's clichés when she said "our children". similar purpose: they say that the Mrs Thatcher and I do not have speaker is of a censorious dis-

any children. I have no children at all, not being married. I do not regard those of other British voters as mine. I am terribly fond of them - as I am of Eskimos' children and the Duchess of York's - but they are definitely somebody else's.

However, the phrase our children" has - when offered by a politician - a key function. It alerts us to the likelihood that the politician is about to say something piously reactionary. "Our children" should be protected from "scenes of violence" on "our television screens" - two

position, regrets very much that the world is as it is, wants you to know it, but has nothing to propose. The words are not so much conduits of meaning as a sort of verbal uniform.

Political cliché communicates as a bus-stop communicates. No new idea is conveyed: that is not the point. The aim is to indicate a position which is convivial and comfortable, in the company of like-minded people, where one can wait for something to come

The political right used to be out-classed by the left in the sheer staring straight into my eyes more phrases which serve a richness of its in-house cliches.



PARRIS There must be a hundred subtle little ways to tell that you are talking to an empty-headed pinko. I used to think that one "addressed" either envelopes or

meetings of the National Farmers

Union, but pinkos address "issues", "whole ranges" of them. Recently they have started addressing "agendas" too; sometimes even "hidden agendas", with "concealed sub-texts".

Now the spongy-brains have invented "carers" and decided that those who care in exchange for money (as opposed to caring because they care) are "pro-fessional carers". Soon they will have badges: "Hired to Care". A professional carer "cares passionately". Imagine a committee session of local government housing officers who really did "care passionately". The town hall would be bediam. There would be snapped Biros everywhere.

It may be that the accretion of cliche signals the atrophy of intellectual muscle. If so, the right is catching up fast. It started some voices" suggest you take an time ago with Mrs Thatcher's aspirin if you have a headache. "courage and determination" C&D: you had it or you didn't.

Every constituency speech did. Then, as the economy tottered, we were "leaner and fitter". This was because we had "given managers the right to manage", resocialism" and "tamed the minon bully-boys". All that, of course, came after "Labour's winter of discontent".

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Then came "excellence". That was what government was about Kenneth Baker didn't just want and determination..."

good schools, he wanted "beacons of excellence". Possibly he meant there wasn't enough to go round for the others; possibly he meant nothing at all.

Now dissent grows and we are warned not to listen to the "siren voices" a code cliche for the view that pain is good for you. "Siren

I shall draft two speeches, one for Mrs. I and one for Mr K. "The Institute of Directors". Mrs T will say cares passionately about container reation. That is the new agenda. Redundant dock workers can get jobs as domestic service carers (but-

lers'). That is the sub-text "Ab," Mr K will respend, "but the renationalized docks will be beacons of excellence now that the TUC is leaner and futer. If it were not for Ron Todd's courage

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RESURRECTION

The celebration of Easter Day all over Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union will bring extra joy to the faithful this year, for it is the first since the remarkable resurrection of democracy which made 1989 a landmark in world history. Religion also has come out from the shadows. Its influence and inspiration in the struggle for freedom was crucial.

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Under repressive Communist regimes, religious communities could hope for little more than survival. Some were strengthened by the experience; others, unfortunately, were corrupted by it. Just as the churches of Western Europe needed to subject themselves to a profound examination of conscience over their behaviour in the Nazi era, so those of Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union must come to terms with their more recent past, remembering with pride episodes of heroic defiance, with sorrow instances of cowardly compromise.

The recovery from the social marginalization imposed on them by Communism will take time, and it is too soon to conclude that the Christian democrat movement, which was so powerful in rebuilding Western Europe after the war, will now also put down roots in the East. The Eastern churches will also have to adjust to the same pressures towards secularism that have put religious faith on the defensive in the older democracies. Secularism has been a powerful stimulus to the development in Western Europe of ecumenism, but it has made less progress in the East Ecumenism has in turn generated new insights into relations between Christianity and other world faiths, and as a result a great revolution in Christian self-understanding is

Freedom can release evil as well as good, and there is accordingly an important transitional agenda for religion in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union. Very near the top should be the management of certain residual sentiments and prejudices, so that their re-emergence can be resisted. Anti-Semitism is the most serious, although other forms of ethnic or quasi-racial bigotry are also liable to grow.

Anti-Semitism is more in evidence in the former Soviet bloc today than for a generation, but it is impossible to judge whether that is because of more open reporting or whether there is genuinely a resurgence. Jewish opinion, with an eye on its effect on immigration to Israel, is divided on whether to play it down or emphasize it.

Easter is a fitting time to record the progress

that has been made by Western Christianity to eliminate the last vestiges of anti-Jewish semiment from church doctrine and worship. It has learnt to handle carefully the way the crucifizion is recorded in the Gospels, in order to counteract the once virtually universal assumption that the Jews of every generation must share the blame for the death of Christ. The Second Vatican Council firmly con-demned the "teaching of contempt" for Jews and Judaism in 1965, and the Good Friday liturgy has been revised accordingly.

Happily, it is those revisions which will have been used by millions of Catholics in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union yesterday. Even in the West, however, it has been found that the revision of texts is not enough, and a campaign of teaching from the pulpit is also required

The Catholic Church in the Ukraine was kept in darkness by Soviet Communism - and indeed by Russian Orthodox repression - for so long that the influence of new thinking in the church elsewhere can scarcely have reached it. The Pope told President Gorbachov last year that he would take special care to ensure that freedom for that church would not unleash unmanageable forces, though he was no doubt thinking more of nationalism than of anti-

So far there has been no statement from the Russian Orthodox Church similar to those adopted by Vatican II 25 years ago and by the Lambeth Conference in 1988 which both repudiated the charge of "deicide" against the Jewish race. Orthodox leaders do not merely have an obligation to eliminate anti-Semitic teaching from their official documents, including the liturgy. Positive teaching to correct popular prejudice is also organtly necessary. The same applies to the Baptists and Lutherans of the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe, and to the smaller sects.

Nazism was an atheist or pagan creed. Religious anti-Semitism was, however, so widespread across Europe before the appearance of Hitler that the ground was well prepared for his cultivation of hatred towards the Jews. Anti-Semitism is nothing new in Central and Eastern Europe. What is new is that the rest of the world, knowing what it now knows and remembering the six million victims, cannot tolerate it. The first Easter of the new European spring is a good moment to

UP AND AWAY

in recent years, people who have decided to fly off to foreign parts for a few days at Bank holidays have got into the habit of crossing their fingers. All too often they find themselves sitting enclessly at Gatwick or flying to the Costa Brava by way of the Skaggerak. For once, despite industrial action at French airports and some early restrictions on aircraft over Spain, it seems that this weekend most of them have been linky. The coming holiday season promises more headsches, however, and the failure to find a cure is fast becoming a disgrace.

The tribulations of holidaymakers represent only the tip of a vast iceberg of frustration with which business travellers are even more painfully familiar. The German Airspace Users' Association estimates that Europe's stone-age system of air-traffic control costs \$5 billion a year in delays, low productivity and inefficient routings. Individual airlines are reticent about how much they actually lose through such delays, but the Association of European Airlines believes that it does not fall: far short of \$1,000 billion a year.

In North America, the air space structure corresponds to operational requirements. In Europe, there are more than 40 control centres operated by 22 national systems. It is a total nonsense, both in terms of 1992 and of our fast-changing relations with Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union.

Indifferent labour relations have aggravated the problem, with the unions in most parts of Western Europe demonstrating their muscle with brutal clarity. To some extent this problem has been solved, but only by throwing money at the workforce. A semor traffic controller can now earn as much as an airline pilot, but the pressures of the job continue to. make recruiting difficult. Spain has only about half its complement, and though the national shortfall in Britain is only 6 per cent, the figure in London is closer to 30 per cent.

There is no shortage of structural solutions which make sense on paper. The number of control centres must obviously be drastically reduced - some proposals advocate as few as six. This would entail some form of joint management by the member-states, because the boundaries of the control areas would no longer correspond with national frontiers.

Such organizational matters pale into insignificance beside the political considerations which arise. It is now fashionable for defence ministers to doff their caps to "peace dividends", but their officials are unlikely to fall over themselves to give up any of the generous allocations of restricted airspace which they currently occupy. National sovereignty over such matters is jealously guarded even by the most rabidly federalist of our European partners.

There is to be a meeting of European transport ministers later this month. They will have in their briefcases a recent report from lata telling them that they need to find sums running into billions over the next decade to overhaul the system.

If nothing is done, the liberalization of air. transport in Europe, to which all governments and airlines pay lip service, could be delayed for many years. There is no need to establish some great new pan-European bureaucracy. The scheme put forward by the Association of European Airlines made a convincing case for an integrated system to be operated on a commercial basis. The United Kingdom should take the lead in demonstrating that there are pragmatic ways in which it can perceive the European interest every bit as clearly as its neighbours.

JUST THE TICKET

real (2015) for all the ga We are all fascinated by those who can do something - anything - better than everybody else in the world. Run the fastest mile, shear a flock of sheep most quickly, lick the largest number of stamps in an hour - the Guinness Book of Records is not by accident a best-seller. And assuredly there will be a new entry in the next edition: step forward, Mrs Silvia Matos.

Unfortunately she is most unlikely to step, because she has compelling reason to hide her light under a bushel. Mrs Matos holds the world parking-tickets record: between 1985 and 1988, in New York, she collected 2800. Or rather, she did not collect them: New York's Finest issued them, only to find that because she had registered her car under 19 false addresses and 36 equally fictitious numberplates, they are quite unable to bill her for something close to \$150,000.

It is difficult to resist the conclusion that Mrs Matos has a thing about parking tickets. Do the arithmetic: 2800 tickets in three years is getting on for three a day. It is clear that Mrs Matos not only has an exceptionally close relationship with parking-tickets; she must

spend a very arduous day inviting them. To start with, she has got to find an illegal parking space. In New York, however, she is by no means the only scofflaw, though she is the undoubted champion; in desperation, many motorists trapped in the grid of Manhattan are in the habit of leaving their cars where they should not -even sometimes, right under that sinister sign "Don't even THINK of parking here". Imagine the indignation and chagrin Mrs Matos would feel if she found that there was no car-space in which to break the law.

If she has her problems, so do we. Suppose it is a good day for her, she bags a space right beside a fire-hydrant (a heinous offence in New York), gets out, locks the car and strolls away. But what does she do until it is time to get back in and seek a place in which to deserve another ticket? Does she just wander about? Or has she friends in every block in the city, so that she is never farther than a hundred yards or so from a dry martini, a chat with a girl-friend and the satisfaction of knowing that somewhere a policeman is once more tucking the familiar bit of paper under her windscreen-wiper?

But stay: we have just noticed something that may alter our entire perception of Mrs Matos. Do the arithmetic again: nine hundred and something tickets a year. Roughly, we said, three a day, but it was very roughly. Come: subtract 52 from 365, and we have 313 days. Almost exactly three a day. The amazing conclusion stares us in the face. She does not park illegally on Sundays.

What on earth have we here? A devout miscreant, a godly sinner, a reverent offender? It is all very well to quote that bit about six days thou shalt labour, but her passion for parking-tickets can hardly be classified as a job or trade. On the other hand, her respect for the Sabbath suggests that there are plainly some niceties which she observes, though the New York parking-ticket office is unlikely to be impressed by the news. We can only wait until she is caught. Even then, asked why she felt obliged to notch up the 280ist ticket, she would probably reply, in the famous words: because it was there.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Comments in rape trial

From Dr Neville Davis

Sir, In recent years much progress has been made towards victimcentred improvements in the conduct of investigations dealing with cases of alleged rape and the subsequent welfare of these unfortunate women.

This has involved extensive

retraining of police and medical personnel, the provision of examination suites more appropriate to the purpose than the inherently unsuitable secure areas of police stations, the training of volunteer support counsellors and a more realistic statistical approach to give a truer picture of the incidence of these sexual offences. As a result more women are reporting attacks instead of suffering in silence, now able to overcome the fear of their treatment in the subsequent investiga-

Fear of what might happen to them in court has been more troublesome. There have been some judicial decisions and comments in the past that have been most unhelpful. I recall the case of the guardsman who was treated beingth. To be not to demonst his leniently "so as not to damage his military career", the young hitch-hiker who was told that she was guilty of "contributory neg-ligence", and the lenient sentences given to the Ealing vicarage rapists did not inspire confidence either.

Now we have Judge Dean in the case of R v Kemp reported by your Legal Affairs Correspondent (April 11). I find it difficult to understand how he can justify remarking to the jury that "when a woman says 'no' she doesn't always mean it", and "Men can't turn their emotions on and off . . . like some women can".

We are not dealing here with criticism directed towards one particular lady. This appears to be a rebuttal of the basic principle that women have the right to decide on whom they will bestow their sexual favours. It may also be construed as an invitation to men to ignore such decisions on the basis that they have been aroused and are therefore incapable of exercising control and behaving in a civilised manner.

It can't be right, and I am sure that all interested parties await an appropriate reaction from the Lord Chancellor in an attempt to undo the extensive damage that these gratuitous remarks will certainly cause.

Yours minfully, NEVILLE DAVIS, Brownlow Medical Centre, 140-142 Brownlow Road, N11. April 11.

'Facts' of history

From Mr Martin Auton Sir. Following the recent brouhaha rning the National Curriculum history report it might prove instructive to consider the "Pet-erloo massacre". Was it "a fact" that a large gathering threatened law and order and property, necessisting prompt preventative action by the authorities, or was it "a fact" that the agents of repres-sive government "massacred" a crowd of innocent people manifesting a genuine grievance?

History seems to have inclined to the latter interpretation, raising it to the status of "a fact". Perhaps Mrs Thatcher would ponder on this, not least so soon after the recent poil tax-related events in central London. Yours faithfully MARTIN AUTON, 250 Minster Court, Myrtle Street, Liverpool 7.

Cure for bullies

April 10.

From Miss Jean Lanham Sir Mrs Doreen Stone succests (April 9) that a similar subject to Education Civique should be introduced in our State schools to encourage considerate behaviour in our children.

Although regrettably not part of the State system, the Montessori method of education does introduce social skills to the child as soon as he enters the nursery at the age of two and a half. The child, who at this age has a great thirst for learning, gladly adopts the considerate and positive approach towards his peers, which in turn develops his own self-esteem. An attitude such as this, developed in the formative years, will stay with the child for the rest of his life.

It is at the pre-school age that we need to encourage the acquisition of social skills in order to instil a harmonious environment both in the classroom and out. Yours faithfully JEAN LANHAM. 23a Brentham Way, W5.

April 9.

Health councils

From Mr Philip Clayton Sir, Among the many important issues raised by current legislation there is the danger that community health councils (CHCs) will be overlooked. Since their establishment their work has developed considerably, despite many constraints, not least financial. Significant changes in pri-mary health care for GPs, in the private and voluntary sectors and in the interlinks with social services all present opportunities but equally dangers for the commu-nity's health.

In particular if the interfaces between different organisations aren't correct there will either be gars or overlaps (with consequent conflict). All this heightens not diminishes the need for a com-

Tangled strands of European unity

From Mr Francis Dobbyn Sir, Ronald Butt's article on European unity (April 11) illustrates the unreality of much of the

debate on Europe. Perceived national interests and economic and industrial power are the primary forces at work in international relations. Europe remains a collection of nation states. These states are in favour of EMU (Enropean Monetary Union) and greater political unity in so far as they perceive these initiatives as being in their national interest.

How have our national interests been served by our involvement in Europe? Whilst our trade with Europe has increased, their trade with us, particularly that of Germany, has increased a great deal more. We have gone from a rough trade balance with Europe to a £16 billion annual trade deficit. For this privilege we pay far more than we need for food, pay a significant annual contribution to the EC, and have also lost out in third markets to our European competitors and Japan. Britain is the only level playing field in Europe and our competitors greatly enjoy

playing on it. German industrial and economic power, enhanced in the medium term by reunification, must be reflected in a growth in political power that will dwarf all other participants in a united Europe. The effect of such unity would be the marginalization of the non-German economies and the institutionalization of German begemony in Europe. France may be as ready to accept this now as

she was in 1940. I am not clear why we perceive it as being in our national interest to be as complacent. It is difficult to see how any further loss of freedom of action will benefit us. Europe has more to lose in trade with us than we have with them and a reduction in our input costs, particularly food, combined with a more secure home base for our industry must assist our competitiveness in third markets.

As for accommability, that will be tested when a majority vote in Europe results in a decision perceived to be against the national interest of a mighty Germany, Artificial European institutions would not long survive such a decision.

Mrs Thatcher is out of step with the establishment on this matter because, unlike them, she has not lost her faith and confidence in Britain and will not acquiesce in national suicide. Yours sincerely,

FRANCIS DOBBYN. 24 Kings Chase, Crowborough, East Sussex. April 11.

Drugs sanctions

logical (compulsive).

Also, the manner in which certain types of gambling were legalised in 1961 actually resulted in a great upsurge of illegal gaming with an imminent threat of the involvement of organised crime. The subsequent control of commescial gaming in 1970 was only achieved by ensuring very re-stricted availability and careful

Stranded underpass From Mr D. K. Martin

Sir, Now that the closure of the Waterloo Bridge/Kingsway under-pass below the Strand has lasted for more than a year, I was intrigued by the appearance on the bridge yesterday of the Green Party apparently campaigning for the restriction of the bridge to pedal-power only. This is surely the warmest endomeroent so far of the Westminster City Council's evident plan to restrict the bridge's use to pedestrians only by its continuing failure to reopen the

stationary traffic. Can we expect soon to see a flock of sheep being driven across the bridge in exercise of some ancient (and environmentally friendly) privilege, traffic jams permitting of course?
Yours faithfully,
D. K. MARTIN, 11 Bolingbroke Grove, Wandsworth, SW11.

underpass which results in the

bridge being clogged daily by near-

petent, empowered, and representative voice to represent both the local community and individnals in dealing with particular problems and making a constructive contribution to the development and maintenance of

The information provided so far is minimal and it is important that the legislative framework of CHCs is put on a sound footing and not left to disparate interpretations afterwards. In particular CHCs will need the formal right to assist all those within their community, wherever the treatment is provided, so long as it is financed by the public exchequer,

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From Mr Ken Daly Sir, There is one generalisation in Mr Butt's backdrop which is not entirely accurate. This is where he claims that virtually every Tory

MEP supported that clause in the Martin resolution which sought to transform the Community into a European Union of a federal type and "go beyond the single market and monetary union". In fact, during the debate British Conservative MEPs sought unsuccessfully to have the words in quotes

This is not just an academic point, because too many antimarketeers tend to attach an allembracing federalist label to people who acknowledge unashamedly their commitment to positive and evolutionary dev-elopment of the Community. To seek this is not to be a "Eurofanatic".

Indeed, federalism has become a pejorative phrase on many lips, despite the fact, as Mr Butt rightly points out, that the Germans view their version of federalism as being genuinely devolutionary. As one German MEP put it to me recently: "Our system ensures that we are not ruled by one city."

People in Bristol, Newcastle. Cardiff, or Glasgow who feel they may not feature highly enough in London/Whitehall thinking might wish to reflect on this genuinely perceived advantage of the German system.

That said, Mr Butt's main assertion that Mrs Thatcher has become isolated is totally ac-curate. The French/Delors disposition to think aloud, while keeping options open, has prompted an emotional overreaction from Mrs Thatcher and some of her advisers which, "without a shot being fired", has neutralised our most successful and radical post-war prime min-

The tragedy is that this has taken place at the very moment when the Soviet bloc is at last casting communism aside and embracing a free enterprise philosophy as being the only way forward. Mrs Thatcher, more than most, helped kindle this fire on her visits to and subsequent dialogue with the Russians, Poles, and Hungarians. Now, when that just dividend should be collected on behalf of the centre-right parties, Mrs Thatcher has retired to a virtually Stylitean isolation, which has saddened and bewildered her friends and allies in the US and Europe.

Yours faithfully, KEN DALY, The Old School House, Aisholt, Spexton, nr Bridgwater, Somerset. April 12.

monitoring under a national statu-

tory body. This not only cleaned up gaming but also seemed to

reduce the incidence of pathologi-

The relaxation of criminal sanc-

tions on "an unwelcome industry which cannot be contained" must

be associated with restricted availability of its products and

adequate monitoring. Otherwise, there will be increased use and

inevitably this will be associated

with greater misuse.

Department of Psychiatry,

From Mr David Long-Price

you can't lick 'em, tax 'em?

Yours faithfully, DAVID LONG-PRICE,

Delamas, Fryerning, Ingatestone, Essex.

Sir, Reference today's leader. If

Chase Farm Hospital,

The Ridgeway, Enfield, Middlesex.

Yours faithfully,

E. MORAN,

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cal gambling resulting from it.

From Dr E. Moran Sir, In arguing for the relaxation of criminal sanctions on drugs, your leading article (April 10) refers to the experience in relation to off-course betting a Britain. However, the situation was far more complex than is suggested.

The legalisation of off-course betting in 1961 certainly was responsible for the removal of racketeering and corruption in this area. However, it was associated with a greater availability of betting. This led to an increased misuse of it by certain people whose gambling became patho-

National Gallery

From Mr Michael Coombes Sir, As the scaffolding begins to be struck on the National Gallery extension one can now see the tragedy of the "carbuncle" saga. Instead of the distinguished solutions by Ahrends Burton and Koralek we have a building that asks many questions.

Are the "stuck on" classical columns the thoughts of an academic architect or the incomplete work of a cake decorator? Do the skylights relate to the building and improve the view from Trafalgar

Finally, is it right to introduce brick on Whitcomb Street which intrudes into the vista along Pall Mall East which was once of

uninterrupted stone? Yours etc., MICHAEL H. COOMBES. The Oak House, Shorts Wood,

Biddenden, nr Ashford, Kent. national or local. Rights of access are crucial, both

to premises and information. Equally it is necessary that the resources that fulfill the functions match the responsibilities involved. The specific proposals that flow

are obviously detailed, but unless we believe that all managerial decisions are right, are never misconceived or influenced by self-interest, the need for constructive criticism will remain. They should be within an established framework and supported by the necessary rights and definement of duties requisite to ensure a constructive outcome. Yours faithfully.

PHILIP CLAYTON. 111 Thorney Leys, Witney, Oxfordshire.

Royal anthem under scrutiny

From Mr R. D. Bawtree Sir, I was interested to read your report (April 9) that the Church of **England's Liturgical Commission** is proposing to use Hickson's verse emphasising the brother-hood of man as the middle verse of the National Anthem.

In our school Remembrance Day services we have made this substitution for some years now. usually provoking the interest and approval of the older as well as the younger members of the congrega-

Somehow I feel that even children of preparatory school age would not feel it appropriate to ask the Almighty to confound anyone's politics -- a subject that is apt to confuse them anyway let alone praying that the enemies'
"knavish tricks" be frustrated,
except possibly before an important school rugby match.

The young do, however, see the importance of singing, "Lord, make the nations see that one should brother be and form one family the wide world o'er". Yours faithfully, RONALD BAWTREE (Headmaster), Hazelwood School, Wolfs Hill, Limpsfield, Oxted, Surrey. April 11.

From Mr A. H. Atkins Sir, Attempts have been made National Anthem but have passed unregarded. The tune's long history, with elements from plainsong to galliard rhythms of John Bull and Purcell, crystallised out at the time of the Young Pre-tender, while the words sometimes complained of seem to have originated in an official church prayer to mark the failure of the Gunpowder Plot.

They represent an outspoken and truly British sentiment as contrasted with the niceties of professional diplomatists, and have seemed pretty constantly applicable during this imperfect century.

If a modern version of the melody be required, Rossini's in the opera The Journey to Rheims, scene 25, when Lord Sidney the English colonel sings it with patriotic flourishes at the Hotel Golden Lily, in France, might be

used. Yours faithfully. A. H. ATKINS, 16 Hallgate, Blackheath Park, SE3. April 11.

From Mr Noel Brandon-Jones Sir, The second verse of our National Anthem does not call upon God to scatter our enemies a king his). Can the Liturgical Commission explain how God is to save the Queen without frustrating the knavish tricks of her enemies, both at home and abroady Yours faithfully

NOEL BRANDON-JONES. Redwater House. Barton Turf, Norfolk. April 9.

From the Reverend Christopher Fenton

Sir, One of my duties, some years ago, as a parish priest was to be the visiting chaplain to a London County Council-approved school I remember how important it was to avoid usine familial metaphors (God as Father, for instance) in our prayers together. Most of the boys' experience of "father" was not a happy one. By the same token many people's experience of "family" is equally unhappy.

Of course, if the Church of God is really serious about offering to. people another family, for those who have lost their own, or never known one, that would be a very different matter. But then, there would have to be a considerable amount of setting the house in order before it became a fit place to which to welcome the wanderers: love, like charity, begins at

Yours truly, CHRISTOPHER FENTON (Director), The Saint Anne's Centre, Under Down, Ledbury, Herefordshire

From the Reverend Michael Hamilton Sharp

Sir, Why do we want to change the second verse of the National Anthem? In the last months we have seen the answer to such prayers: communism has crum-bled and without any of man's WILL

Yours sincerely. MICHAEL HAMILTON SHARP. The Rectory. Stratford St Mary, Suffolk April 9.

From Mr D. R. Stanning Sir, Will the Liturgical Commission soon be turning its attention to the numerous hymns and anthems in regular use that seek to inspire the singers thereof (if not the listeners) with militaristic exhortations?

"Onward, Christian followers. striding to a demonstration" doesn't quite carry the familiar Yours faithfully, DAVID STANNING, West Bapsey, Berry Hill, Buckinghamshire.

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PROFESSOR KENNETH NEWELL

OBITUARIES

SOCIAL NEWS

Birthdays

TOMORROW: Mr Jeffrey Archer, author, 50; Sir Kenneth Bloomfield, civil servant, 59; TODAY: Miss Julie Christie. actress. 50; Vice-Admiral Sir Geoffrey Dalton, 59; Sir John Gielgud, CH, actor, 86; Mr Gerry Gillman, trades unionist, 63: Mr Ivor Guest, ballet writer. 70: Lord Hastings, 78; Mr Julian Lloyd Webber, ceilist, 39; Miss L.E.M. Mackie, former head-mistress. City of London School for Girls, 64: Colonel Sir Robert Macrae. Lord Lieutenant of Macrae. Lord Lieutenant of Orkney. 75: Baroness Masham of Ilion. 55: Mr P.G.A. Ramsay. former controller. BBC Scotland. 64: Dr J.M. Roberts, warden, Merton College. Oxford, 62: the Ven R.H. Roberts, former Chaplain of the Fieet, 59: Mr David Skapper. headmaster, Merchant Taylors' School. 59: Mr Rod Steiner, actor. 65: Miss Elizabeth. Symons, trades unionist, 39; Sir Peter Thompson, executivechairman, National Freight Consortium, 62: Mr George Walker, chairman and chief executive, Brent Walker Group, Baroness Warnock, 66.

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Giggleswick School

The following Scholarship Awards have been made for

Roval College of Physicians

Fellows of the Royal College of Physicians of London have ro-elected Professor Margaret Turner-Warwick as president.

Retirement

Judge Hawser QC, Senior Official Referee since 1985, retired from the Circuit Bench on the South Eastern Circuit vesterday

Tridentine Mass A Tridentine Mass is said every Sunday at 9.30 am, at St James' Church, Spanish Place, George Street, London, W1.

Latest wills Mr Roger Walter William Webber, of Basingstoke, Hamp-shire.....£868,423.

Owners give oaks to repair cathedral roof Some of the best oaks in the feet long, and are part of a six

north of England are being year project. felled to repair the roof of

Carlisle cathedral. wood some of which has been and chopped down trees as in place for about 700 years,

since a big fire in 1292. years old and are each worth up to £2,000. They have been donated by landowners after enable us to put back timber an appeal by Sir Charles like for like as far as possible.

Graham, the Lord Lieutenant "Donations of trees are of Cumbria

Mr Ray Nichol, the cathedral architect, said yesterday: "We have had a tremendous to York Minster. response - about 20 trees up

Mr Nichol said: "When the cathedral was built the build-The timber will replace ers simply went into the forest they needed them. We can't do that and there are not many The trees are all about 150 oaks today of the sizes used then. So we are grateful for these big trees which will

thought to be new as far as Carlisle cathedral is concerned but many trees were donated

"We have had virtually no help from outside the county The repairs are to the main - Cumbria's achievement is plate "CHAUCER 1".

Forthcoming marriages

Major J.H. Gibbon RA and Mrs R.A. Hamilton

The engagement is announced between John, son of General Sir John and Lady Gibbon, of Winchester, Hampshire, and Rosemary, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Perris, of Corscombe,

Mr D.J.D. Arter and Miss M.R. Weir The engagement is announced between John, only son of Mrs

David Arter and the late Rev David Arter, of Kirkbampton, Carlisle, and Marion Rose, el-dest daughter of Captain and Mrs James Weir, of Parford, Chagford, Devon.

Mr P.C.A. Colland and Miss P.A. Kinch The engagement is announced between Paul Christopher Ambrose, elder son of Mr J.A. Collard, of Rye, Sussex, and the late Mrs Quita Collard, and Penelope Ann, younger daugh-ter of Mr and Mrs Robert Kinch.

Mr A.J. Guthrie and Miss P.M. Whitty The engagement is announced between Alastair, younger son of the late Mr Jock Guthrie and of Mrs Guthrie, of Hinton St George, Somerset, and Patricia, younger daughter of Dr and Mrs

Peter Whitty, of Wadhurst, Mr K.M. Hadkins

and Miss K.A. Coldrey The engagement is announced between Kingsley Michael, elder son of Mr and Mrs Stanley

son of Mr and Mrs Stanley Hodkins, of Fareway Lodge, Newmarket, Suffolk, and Katherine Amanda, daughter of Captain Christopher Coldrey, of Herringswell, Newmarket, Suf-folk, and Mrs Jane Coldrey, of Mr A.D. Howard nod Miss R.A. Walker

The engagement is announced between Alistair David, only son of Mr and Mrs M.J.C. Howard, of Bramfield, Suffolk, and Ruth Abercrombie, only daughter of the late Prof K.R. Walker and Dr J.A. Walker, of St Albans, Herts, and Eden,

Mr M. Humbie and Miss E.L. London

The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr C.J. Humble, of Glastonbury, Somerset, and Mrs Anne Mountstephens, of Hatch Beauchamp, Somersei, and Emma, daughter of Mr and Mrs Jonathan London, of Pilton,

Mr D.K. Nutanan and Miss L.F. Sonnex The engagement is announced tween David, son of Mr and Mrs Raymond Nutman, of Chesham, Bucks, and Laura, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Alan Sonnex, of Jordans, Bucks. Colquboun.

and Miss P.H. Young Mr and Mrs D.J. Young, of Romsey, Hampshire, have plea-sure in announcing the engagement of their only daughter, Phillips to Darren, younger son of Mr J.A. Phillips and the late Mrs M.J. Phillips, of Itchen Abbas, Winchester, Hampshire.

Mr A.C.A. Smith and Miss J.A. Darbyshire The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Captain W.G. Smith and the late Mrs E.D. Smith, of Willington, Bedfordshire, and Jacqueline, daughter of Mr and Mrs F.Q. Darbyshire, of Chutchambolt,

Devon. Mr N.V.J. Stewart-Sander and Miss J.C. Humfrey
The engagement is announced tween Neil, son of Mrs Stew art-Sandeman and the late Lieutenant-Colonel N. Stewart-Sandeman, of Ardingly, Sussex,

and Jane Caroline, only daugh-ter of Mr and Mrs C.M. Humfrey, of Lindfield, Sussex. Mr N.K. Stroude and Miss H.A. Preedy The engagement is announced between Neil Kingsley, son of Mr and Mrs Peter Stroude, of Longstanton, Cambs, and Hilary Ann. daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony Preedy, of Herst-monceux, E Sussex.

Mr R.P.H. Swinglehurst and Miss F.L. Roberts The engagement is announced between Richard, younger son of Mr John Swinglehurst, of

Kensington, London, and Mrs Hazel Swinglehurst, of Bough Beech, Kent, and Fiona, only daughter of Dr and Mrs John Roberts, of Sevenoaks, Kent. Mr D.G. Young and Miss A.J. Ray

The engagement is announced between Duncan Graham, younger son of Mr and Mrs J. Hylton Young, of Bolton Hall, nr Alnwick, Northumberland, and Alison Jean, only daughter of Mr Robert Ray and the late Sheila Ray, of Holland, for-merly of Gosforth, Newcastle upon Type.

Marriages

Mr T. Manly and Miss R. Wheistone The marriage took place on Saturday, April 7, at the church of St Mary the Virgin, Hartfield, Sussex, of Mr Timothy Manly, son of Mrs D.P. Harrison, of Bampion, Oxfordshire, and Miss Henrietta Whetstone, daughter of Mr and Mrs Francis Whetstone, of Hartfield, Sussex. The Rev Victor Kingston

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Ina De and Rachel Whetstone, Mr Julian Date was the best man.

Mr R.J., Waddon and Miss C.L.A.D. Colgahous The marriage took place quietly in London, on Wednesday, April 11, between Mr Robert Waddington and Miss Andrina

1984 and a former World Health Organisation senior official, has died aged 64. He was born on November 7. 1925.

Kenneth Wyatt Newell, Profes-

sor of Tropical Community Health at the Liverpool School

of Tropical Medicine since

A New Zealander born in India of Scottish missionary parents, it was Newell's early experience serving as the medical officer in the Maoris' Te Araroa area which laid the foundation of his life-long interest in involving commu nities fully in defining their health problems. He argued it would be best for their health if they helped the authorities in identifying priorities for action and selecting options for intervention in the context

His devotion to this community at the time led the Ngati Porou tribe to seil some of their cattle in order to finance his further training in Britain - a remarkable gesture to a young man.

of their own cultures.

Newell, who had previously read medicine at the University of New Zealand, then completed his postgraduate training at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. He was appointed to the Public Health Laboratory Service at Colindale, London, in 1954. He gained practical experience in using epidemiological methods for the control of infectious

Two years later, when a lecturer in epidemiology at Queen's University, Belfast, he focussed his research work on food poisoning, examining the role of salmonella organisms and tracing their circulation on the food chain of humans and of livestock, But Newell's chief field of

interest remained health problems in developing countries,

Rossell Hope Robbins, a distinguished British-born ex-

pert on medieval manuscripts, has died at his home in Saugerties, New York State, at

He was a man of frenetic

energy, an extrovert, enthu-siastic, gregarious, talkative,

opinionated, unself-con-sciously and likeably vain —

his car sported the number

He became a naturalised

United States citizen in 1944,

but his roots were English and was born in Wallasey in 1912.

He attended the local gram-

mar school and afterwards

Liverpool University, graduating with a first in

English in 1933.

the age of 77.



and Latin America.

A two-year assignment as a World Health Organisation epidemiologist in Indonesia was followed by a five-year period as director of field studies at the International Center for Medical Reseach and Training in Cali, Colombia

The latter project linked the medical school in Cali with Tulane University Medical School, New Orleans, where, aged 35, Newell was appointed to his first chair as Professor of Epidemiology. It was, however, during his

10 years at the Geneva headquarters of the WHO that his vision and leadership came to the fore. He set up a new Division of Research in Epidemiology and Communications Science, to use the combined skills of

America, where he met Carle-

ton Brown, the expert on Middle English lyrics and

their manuscripts and, with

him, completed what is cer-

tainly his magnum opus, The Index of Middle English Verse

In 1939 he married Helen

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His early teaching in Amer-

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of the developing world. From 1971 to 1977, he was

Director of the WHO Division for the Strengthening of Health Services, which also included his former division. This was during the optimistic period which led up to the World Conference on Primary Health Care of 1978, held in Alma Ata, USSR, at which all governments adopted the goal of "Health for all by the year

Newell and his team had examined the role of community involvement in health development and, in 1975, published a compendium of analyses and examples of community health action in Health by the People, widely regarded as a classic text on the subject.

Feeling that he owed New Zealand the benefits of his much of his knowledge gathepidemiologists, statisticians experience and owed a debt to
ered through direct working and social scientists to tackle the country of his early forma
Jane, and four sons.

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ROSSELL HOPE ROBBINS

recall that they were married Supplement to the Index.

tion, Newell decided in 1977 to return home, and took the post of Professor of Community Health at the Wellington School of Medicine.

He judged the time right because the health services were going through important changes. Old medical hierarchies were adapting to changed attitudes and there was an emerging commitment to primary health care. Newell was among the prime motivators in major changes, begun during his time in New Zealand, which included the development of area health boards, the establishment of the College of Community Medicine, and a postgraduate diploma in community

In 1984 Newell was ap-pointed Professor of Tropical Community Health and Head of the Department of International Community Health at the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine.

In 1985 he and his team started a research programme into hearing impairing and deafness in the developing world, with particular emphasis on the extent to which children under the age of 12 are affected. As part of this programme, the Liverpool Field Audiometer was designed and put into produc-tion and used in the first national survey conducted in Swaziland in 1987.

In 1986, at Newell's instigation, a School subsidiary company called Liverpool Associates in Tropical Health Ltd. was established, to secure contracts in health and health service development and to respond to the needs of funding agencies, such as the World Bank. He acted as consultant for an Asian Development Bank contract.

He is survived by his wife,

The flow of articles contin-

became the dominant passion

When he went abroad, it

of the final years of his life.

SIR GEOFFREY HARRISON



Sir Geoffrey Harrison, GCMG, KCVO, a former Dep-uty Under-Secretary at the Foreign Office and British Ambassador to the Soviet Union from 1965 to 1968, died aged 81 on April 12. He was born on July 18, 1908.

It was only right at the end of a distinguished career according to the conventions as a top diplomat that tragedy hit Geoffrey Harrison. In 1968, on the threshold of retirement, he told the Foreign Office he had been victim of a well-tried KGB ploy when he had an brief relationship with a woman agent planted by the Russians as a maid in the British Embassy in Moscow.

Harrison was immediately recalled by Michael Stewart, the then Foreign Secretary. Since it was just at the time of the Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia the public assumed it was a recall for top-level consultations with "Our Man in Moscow" as Brezhnev ordered in the tanks finally to terminate the "Prague

It was, however, only in 1981 that Harrison himself publicly admitted the dramatic end to his career. "Someone has stabbed me in the back," the former envoy told the press, adding: "It was together with their a very silly thing to do. As a and one daughter.

trained diplomat it was an abentation on my part."

As he later put it in 1981, talking to The Sunday Times, he had let his defences drop. Penhaps no one would really have known about it. But I believed it would have been wrong to keep quiet so I reported what had been happening. I felt that, however impleasant the consequences might be, I had to tell the Foreign Office. Otherwise the Russians might try something." His wife backed him throughout the ordeal.

Sir Duncan Wilson was quickly nominated as the new British Ambassador in Moscow at such a critical time.

Geofficy Wedgwood Harrison, the son of a lieutenant-commander in the Royal Navy, had entered the Foreign Service in 1932 after being educated at Winchester and King's College, Cambridge.

In the Berlin Embassy be-tween 1937 and 1939 Harrison had direct experience as Hitler prepared releatlessly to plunge Europe into the Second World War. During that conflict he was one of the experts at the Foreign Office on Germany.

After a period as Counsellor in Brussels from 1945 to 1947 Harrison went for the first time to Moscow as British Minister for a two-year spell when the Cold War was at its height

Back in London from 1951 as an Assistant Under-Sepretary he was the British negotiator in the settlement of the postwar Tricate dispute between Yugoslavia and Italy. Harrison then continued his

climb in the typical way, going as Ambarandor to Bozzi from 1956 to 1958 and transfering to Tehran where he mayo until 1963.

In 1936 he had married Amy, daughter of Sir Robert Cirve, a former Ambassador to Japan. She survives him, together with their three sons

HAROLD BALLARD

Harold Ballard, the colourful In 1969 he was appointed to owner of the Toronto Maple But it was also a period of a Chair at the State University great productivity in which of New York at Albany, Leafs, one of Canada's bestknown ice hockey teams, died books and articles poured out, remaining there until his aged 86 in Toronto on April II. He was born on July 30, ued, and he began to extend his own research library. This

cause commotion, Balland was

Hockey League team he also Just Boo - Haroki." owned the Maple Leaf Gardens, the Leafs' home arena.

shooting down of a South Korean airliner, Ballard suddealy cancelled a performance of the Moscow Circus at the packed Leaf Gardens. Two years later, during the

With an unerring talent the Canadian Olympic team and Moscow Dynamo, fans. were startled to see a message the darling of the Toronto which suddenly appeared on news media, attracting more the scoreboard. In bold letters coverage than almost any it proclaimed Korean Air-lines Flight 007 Shot Down By Besides the National The Russians. Don't Cheer.

Ballard was the son of a mechanic credited with hav-In 1983, in his own gesture ing invented tube skates, the of retaliation against the kind used by hockey players.

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When dinosaurs roamed through Alaska's woods

The riddle of how dinosaurs could have survived the cold climate of Alaska may be ring in the fossil wood is a partly solved by new research direct measure of the health on Alaskan fossil wood pub- and happiness of the tree at lished in the latest issue of the time that particular ring Palaeontology (vol. 33, pp. was being formed.

225-242). In the Cretaceous Period, some 100 million years ago, Alaska was more or less in the same position as it is today: the fact that it supported a thriving community of dinosaurs has been something of a puzzle. Some have used the very fact of arctic dinosaurs as evidence in favour of the idea that these animals were warmblooded, like modern mammals and birds.

But an analysis of fossil wood from the Alaskan North Slope by Robert A Spicer of Goldsmith's College, London, and Judith T Parrish of the University of Arizona shows that although climate deteriorated towards the end of the Cretaceous Period (65 million, years ago), it never declined to the glacial conditions of Alaska today, and woodlands marched almost to the shores of the Arctic Ocean.

The new data come from 15 specimens of fossil wood from the Kogosukruk Tongue, a group of Late Cretaceous rocks. The specimens represent six species of conifer, five of which are new to science. The preservation of the wood is exquisite: the researchers irrespective of their species, have been able to examine it evidence that all the trees were

Rapid growth at the beight of the summer is preserved as a thick ring thin rings mean slow growth, or even that growth has stopped altogether, such as during the winter. A clear, thick ring reads as a trouble-free, uninterrupted growing season, but interposed, thin "false" rings betray changeable weather, experienced by trees at the climatic limits of their normal ranges.

More detail still comes from analysing the wood laid down at different times during the growing season. The researchers have been able to distinguish between "early" and "late" wood, laid down respectively early and late in the growing season. Kogosukruk Tongue wood

has rather narrow rings with abundant false rings, and a rather large proportion of late to early wood. The late wood records a gradual slowing of growth towards the end of the growing season, as if every year the trees fought a long, losing battle against the worsening weather.

Moreover, these same features can be seen in all the wood specimens examined right down to individual cells. responding to some common The information gained re- factor. This need not have veals much about the environ- been the average temperature: () Nature-Tim Times Home Service, 1990

other things could have af-fected tree growth, such as flooding, fire or insect attack.

To answer this question, the researchers compared the Kogosukruk fossils with specimens from the Nanushuk Group, a sequence of rocks formed a few million years earlier. Nanushuk trees grew in much the same environment as Kogosukruk trees, but seemed to have had an emier time. Their thick, untroubled growth rings testify to con-stant, equable summers, and the relatively little "late" wood implies that Nanushuk trees galloped right up to the end of the summer and then stopped growing abruptly.

in Cretaceous times, as now, Arctic regions had almost constant daylight for half the year and dusk for the rest. The Nemushink frees soulded up every last drop of sunshine they could, suggesting that it was not temperature so much as the absence of light (a consequence of latitude rather than climate) that set the limits to growth. Kogosukruk trees, on the other hand, hadto fight it out against declining temperature, and would have been less able to maintain growth for as long as daylight would allow. Deteriorating climate, then, seems to be the best explanation for the differences between the two fossil wood samples.

Henry Gee

1975; Simone de Beauvoir. TOMORROW BIRTHS: Sir James Clark Ross, Arctic explorer, London, 1800; Henry James, writer, New York, 1843; Bliss Carman, poet, Fredericton, New Brunswick,

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Those who are students of the psychology of laughter will not have failed to observe that in our account of the debate on the second reading of the Sommer Time Bill laughter was recorded on forty occasions. An analysis of this meanment shows that exactly 30 per cent of it was the product of the domestic cow. Seven aughs resulted from the weather or the sun; six from the real or imagined atizibates and activities of the member for West Woolwich; six more from the humours of getting up and going to bed; four from Scriptural or mythological references; two from a Whitehaven anecdote; and one each—admitting of no more than a miscallaneous classification—from an old lady's alarmed piety, from the thestrical profession, and from the manufacture of checkete mice. But no fewer than twelve outbursts of laugh-ter had their origin in the cow. She failed twice only—once when the House was already made breathless by its own delight in her, and once when she was led forth a little dismally on a string of Ministerial contempt. A desire to account for these remarkable facts will inevitably lead a psychologist into difficulties. Pruna jucie, this was not a horse; laugh, "a distinguishing characteris-tic of the rural hoyden"; nor a Syncrusian grin; nor a mere smile, which the Guardian essayint defined own tail. In the country, however, as a tender motion of the physiognomy called by the ancients the louic laugh, and practised by lovers of the over her there, and farmers remain over her there, and farmers remain over her there, and farmers remain over her there, and farmers remain. most delicate address; nor, we most delicate address; nor, we grave even when it is suggested that, presume, was it the Chem laugh, or dingle. Thus, by elimination of the consent to jump once more over the the suggested that, in obedience to Parliamentary adjustments of the clock, she may consent to jump once more over the STATE OF STA

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essentially and naturally comic in a cow, something which produces laughter that owes little or nothing to apite or wit, something—as the lady novelists would say—elemental and profound. Without encroaching upon the territory of the Freudien farmyard, it is only possible to suggest that a cow is, perhaps, provocative of mirth by reason of her own extreme solemnity. She is the least frivolous of heasts. If animals were given the powers to smile, her lips would be the last to tremble; if all Nature were eracking over some wast Olympian jest, she would be the last to join in it. Thus have straight faces made the fortune of an army of comedians and thus by gravity rather than by with have a thousand raconteurs gained their reputations; for the essence of the common Risus is that it is common, and he who does not share it provokes it. Or it may be that a cow appears humorous because all her ways are contrary to the fashion prevalent among those who laugh at her—she gats her business done and says nothing; she will not yield a supplementary gill to the popular clamour of a whole village; she is mobile with the property of the same to the same unobacquious to those who put her in her place and resentful towards them who remove her from it; and, unlike the dog, she is never wegged by her own tail. In the country, however,

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SATURDAY'S TELEVISION AND RADIO

Portrait of the artist

TELEVISION CHOICE

Jasper Rees

 The pick of a poor Easter Saturday schedule is a Sir Kenneth MacMillan double bill. Out of Line (BBC2, 7.50pm) profiles the choreographer on the occa-sion of his sixtieth birthday and follows it up at 8.55pm with a Royal Ballet performance of his latest work The Prince of the Pagodas, set to Britten's only ballet score. Derek Bailey's rather arch commentary explains that Mac-Millan has always been "a highly controversial figure" (his work is perpetually booed in Berlin and New York, where he once had to take up the offer of a bodyguard). MacMillan himself claims that he has always felt excluded from dance's old boy network, though since the death of Sir Frederick Ashton the mantle of grand old man of British ballet has been thrust upon him. Passing judgement, Clive Barnes of the New York Post is suavely acerbic, while Ninette de Valois plays the gushing grand dame to perfection. As well as many quotations from his oeuvre, there are assessments from his muses, Lynn Seymour and Alessandra Ferri.



Kenneth MacMillan: sixtleth birthday tribute (BBC2, 7.50pm) At 91 episodes, the indigenous version of Mahabharat (BBC2, 2.35pm) easily outdistances the Peter Brook theatrical adaptation which divided opinion when it was shown on Channel 4 in December, but comparisons will inevitably occur. The Radio Times glibly bills the series as "Dallas, Dynasty, Neighbours and East-Enders rolled into one", which suggests that someone, somewhere, lacks confidence in the epic product. At 15 times the length of the Bible, it deserves a less pejorative introduction than that, Apparently it enjoys an audience of 115 million in India, though to what extent that is a massaged figure one cannot

know. Dialogue is in Hindi with English

sub-titles.

● As titles go, Nothing Like a Royal Show (ITV, 9pm) is dangerously doubleedged. Happily the cast list for this charity gata in aid of the Entertainments Artistes' Benevolent Fund includes enough pedigree to counteract the low expectations one tends to have of such events. Compered by Jools Holland, the emphasis is on alternative comedy, with bits from, among many others, Julian Clary, Hale and Pace and Jeremy Hardy. Jeremy Beadle's detractors seem to be more vociferous than his acolytes, but the one supportive thing you can say about You've Been Framed (ITV 6.10pm) is that, rather than do it for them, this time our low-profile host lets his guests stitch themselves up by sending in their japish home videos.

BBC 1 7.25 Mother Teresa with a prayer for

7.30 Saturday Starts Here!, presented by Wayne Jackman and lan Tregonning, begins with Playdays (r) 7-55 Laurel and Hardy, Cartoon r) 8.00 New Adventures of

Mighty Mouse 5.15 Tales of the Rodent Sherlock Holmes. The guest is Liz Smith 8.35

Thundercats (r)
9.00 Going Live! Phillip Schofield and
Barah Greens introduce the last in the series of the children's magazine. Their special guests are Kylie Minogue, Jonathan Ross, Neighbours actor Guy Pierce and singer Paula Abdul 12.12 Weather

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Wisson. The line-up is (subject to
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preview of the weekend's matches;
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2.35 and 3.05 Swimming: the
TSB British Club Team championship
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Birmingham; 1.55, 2.25 and 2.55
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Football half-times; 4.35 Cricker,
highlights from the first session of
the fifth Test between West Indies
and England in Antigua; 4.40
Final Score

5.05 News with Moka Shart, Weather
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5.20 Stay Tooned! More behind-the-scenes stories from the world of animation, presented by Tony Robinson. This week he focuses on

5.45 The Flying Doctors. More dramas for the Coopers Crossing-based flying medics. Two strangers arrive at the outback town — one an artist who hopes to revive his fleoring forthings by partition by she flagging fortunes by painting bush landscapes, the other his agent. Their eccentric behaviour is a cause

of alarm for Chris and Geoff. (Ceefax)

6.30 Opportunity Knocks. Les Daw ity Knocks. Les Dawson introduces innother six showbiz hopefuls - two comedians, a dance group, a planist and two solo

singers
7.30 Three Up, Two Down. Re-run of a slightly funnier than average sitcom, starring Michael Elphick as the rough and ready Sam who fancies his son's snooty mother-in-law, Daphne (Angela Thome) (r) 7.50 Film: The Case of the Scand

Scoundrel (1987) starring Raymond Stournard (1907) starting maymore.

Burr. Another courtroom drums
with the large lawyer holding centre
stage. Tonight he is defending a
reporter accused of killing a
notorious scandal magazine
publisher, with whom it is rumoured
who was having an effair. The she was having an affair. The assiduous Mr Mason's investigations uncover four other prominent auspects – and a case of blackmell. Directed by Christian I. Nyby II.

9.20 News with Philip Hayton. Sport and weather 9.40 Casualty: Accidents Happen, Well-acted and authentic drama

series set in a general hospital's casualty ward. Tonight a wife has smargency surgery after falling down stairs when going to answer the front door. The husband blames the mentally-handicapped boy who called at the house for the accident - but later has to

reassess his opinion of the young man. Starring Brends Fricker and Russell Hunter (r), (Ceefax)

10-30 Paramount City, Officeat functor Arthur Smith Improduces more standup comedy and music from here and America, recorded at London's Paramoum City Theatre. Tonight a guests include one of the US s top comediennes. Pamela

Matteson 11.10 Film: Prize of Perfi (1984). Black comedy thriller staming Gerard Lanvin, Michel Piccoli and Marie-France Pisier. Contestants in a French television game show can win a million dollars — if they can elude a death squad hunting them down through the streets of Paris.
Directed by Yves Bosset

12.35am International Cricket. Tony
Lewis presents highlights of play on
the second day in the fifth Test
between West Indies and England in
Antique

Antigua 1-05 Mother Teresa with a prayer for those whose harvests fair

6.00 TV-am begins with News read by
Louise Bevan followed by Good
Morning Moments. Ulrika
Jonsson looks back at the lighter
moments of the week's TV-am
programmes 7.00 News and WAC
90. Children's entertastment
presented by Michaela Strachan and
Mike Brosnan
9.25 Metamograph 2. Tadaria

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9.25 Motormouth 2. Today's programme leatures Kim Wilde performing her new single, plus Kylie Minogue's latest video. Also ryse Minogue's tarest video. Also included is a drumming extravaganza with Luke Cresswell and a behind-the-scenes look at the new serial The Caste of Adventure, by Enid Blyton. Plus cartoon action at 9.45 with Scooby Doo and at 10.20 with The Reel Charlesters.

Ghosbusters 11.30 The ITV Churt Show. This work's Vintage Video features the Beatles 12.30 The Munsters Today: Two Left Feet. Shoddy attempt to resurrect the cult Shodes comedy-horror

the cult Skdies corriedy-horror series
1.00 News with Nicholas Owen.
Weather 1.05 LWT News and west
1.10 Suint and Greavale. Inn St John and Jimmy Greaves provide their own brand of analysis of the holiday weekend's football action including the Scottish Cup semi-finals being played this atternoon—Clydebank versus Celtic and Dundee United against Abendeen
1.40 Sportsmasters. Dickle Davies hosts the last quarter-final of this competition between sporting brains from across the country
2.10 Coronation Street. Omnibus

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1.05 Meticot: The Lamon. Courtroom drama starring Andy Griffiths as a hayseed lawyer, in this case defending his new neighbour accused of killing a car salesman 4.05 Katts and Dog. Lighthearted police series starring Rin Tin Tin III 4.25 Cartoon Time.

4.45 Reside Service 5.00 News with Nicholas Owen. Weather 5.05 LWT News and weather

weather

5.15 Brywatch. We Need a Vacation.
[nane, but harmless, series centred around the vacant hunks and pouting bimbos who man a lifeguard station on a Los Angeles beach.

6.10 You've Been Framed! (see Choice) 6.40 You Bet! Bruce Forsyth hosts unother round of the programme that dares the great British public to dares the great British public to attempt obscure acts to be bet on by some "great British celebrities", with the proceeds going to charity. This week's challenges include two tyre fitters under pressure and a champagne flight with the RAF. The celebrity guests include Linda Lusardi, James Marcus and Peter Allics

Alliss 7.40 Murder, She Wrote: Truck Stop. Angela Lanebury stars as the gentle crime writer turned detective. This crime writer turned detective. This week she investigates the demise of a screenwriter who is murdered at a ruck-step. He had tape-recorded the events leading up to his murder, confessing to a killing he himself committed in the past 1.40 News, sport and weather 1.55 LWT Weether 9.00 Nothing Like a Royal Show (see Choice) 11.15 World Chemplonship Boding. Reg Gutteridge and Jim Watt un at London's Royal Albert Hall for the WBA Middleweight champlonship fight between Mike McCalkan, the holder from Jamaica, and Britain's

holder from Jamaica, and Britain's Michael Watson 12.15am Film: Sar Crazy (1980)

starring Richard Pryor, Gene Wilder and JoBeth Williams. Two New Yorkers on their way to California seeking fame and fortune are framed for a bank robbery and given 125-year sentences each. This gives both Pryor and Wilder all the

gives both Pryor and Wilder all the excuse they need to lapse into very humy prison stapsoick humour. Directed by Sidney Potter. Followed by News headines 2.20 Golf: The US PGA Seniors Townsment from the PGA National Golf Club, Palm Beach, Florida. Highlights of the third round

(1985) starring James Woods, Yaphe Kotto and Alex Rocco. An exciting police drama about a real-life Manhattan assistant District Attorney who led a campaign in the 1970s to locate the killers of two policemen. Directed by Mel Damaki 5.00 ITN Morning News with Phil Roman. Ends at 6.00

BBC 2

9.00 Film: Spirit of the People (1940, b/w) starring Raymond Massey. A faithful adaptation of Robert Sherwood's Pulitzer prize-winning play about the life of Abraham Lincoln, tracing his career from his roots as a backwoodsman, through his work as a lawyer to his election to the White House. With Gene Lockhart and Ruth Gordon.

Gene Lockhert and Ruth Gordon.
Directed by John Cromwell

10.45 World Snocker. Dean Reynolds v
Peter Francisco and Willia Thoma v
Tony Drago are two of the firstround matches being played today in
the Embassy World Professional
Championships, Introduced from the
Crucible Theatre by David Vine

12.15 Film: Genghis Khan (1965)
starring Omar Sharif, Stephen Boyd
and Françoise Dorleac. A risible
account of the life of the 12thcentury
warrior who united the Mongols
into a force to be reckored with A
woeful script is not saved by a
clutch of famous faces in carneo
roles, including James Mason,
Robert Morley and El Wallach.
Directed by Henry Levin

2.15 The Sky at Night, Patrick Moore
talks about Leo and Cancer, two of
the zodlac constellations to be
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2.35 Mahabharat (see Cholos)

3.15 Film: The First Legion (1951, b/w) starring Charles Boyer. An old priest recovers from a coma in a small town Jesuit seminary and, believing it to be a miracle, pitgrims flock to the seminary, including one small crippled girl. Good performances from the cast, particularly Boyer, make this an above average religious film. Directed by Douglas Sirk

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4.40 Film: Taza, Son of Cochise (1954)
starring Rock Hudson. Western
adventure, originally made in 3D,
about two Fled Indian brothers, one
determined to light the white man,
the other looking for peace.
Urusually for a Western, the
treatment of Indians is largely
sympathetic and that is what
gives this film its strength. Directed
by Douglas Sirk

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5.56 World Snooker. Continuing
coverage of the first-round matches
of the Embassy World
Professional Championships

7.05 NewsYser with Moira Stant and
Investor History Westber

Lyneite Litingow. Weather
7.50 Out of Line (see Choice)
8.55 The Prince of the Pagodas. The
Proyal Ballet perform Machillan's
newest creation, at the Royal
Opera House, Covent Garden, A fary-tale about a princess who redeems a salamander prince with a kiss. The music is by Benjamin

Britten, his only ballet score

11.05 World Snooker. Alex Higgins and
Steve James battle it out tonight, and there's also coverage of the match between the two Ciffs, Wilson and Thorburn, Ends at 12.36am

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12.20pm-12.30, 2.05-2.70 and 3.00-4.35
Rugby Union: Melrose Sevens 4.40 Afternoon
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Paramount City 12.16pm-12.35 The Odd Couple
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3.20am-6.10 Indy Cart Racing
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Pick A Number 3.05-4.46 Film:
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CHANNELA

6.00 Comic Book. Cartoons 7.30 International News 8.00 Transworld Sport 9.00 Channel 4 Racing 9.25 Sing and Swing with the stars of the 1930s and 1940s 9.30 Same Daverona. Magazint series on disabled matters (r). (Oracle) 10.00 Film: Nayakan (1987). This award-winning film stars Kamala Hessan as the underworld beas who is a godfather figure to the poor. With subtitles, Directed by Marti Ratinam

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With subtitles. Directed by Marii
Ratimen

12.30 How the Kim Lost its Wings. The
Macri folk legend animated by
Kattleen Houston

1.05 Files: The Nutty Produce (1983)
starring Jerry Lewis and Stella
Stevens. Typical Lewis contedy
in which he plays an eccentric
scientist who discovers an eiter
that can turn him from weaking to a
stud, not too unilite his sometime
screen partner Dean Martin.
Directed by Jerry Lewis

3.05 Claimed 4 Recing from Kengles
Park Brooch Scott Introduces his
coverage of the 3.10, 3.40, 4.10
and 4.40 races

5.05 Brookside Damibus (r). (Cracle)
and Lining. An arrandwinning film, based on the poems of
Swiss paster-poet Kurt Marti,
reflecting on eight scenes of dying
and deem

7.00 The World This Week. A special
report from Zimbobwe includes
interviews with correction leader

report from Zimbulove includes interviews with opposition leader Edgar Tekere and Judith Todd, the daughter of pre-UDI Prime Minister Gartieki Todd. Plus Soviet economic policy, 15 years of civil war in Leberson, the conflict in Kashmir and the revival of Cuebec separatism. Followed by

Ouebec separatism. Followed by Washier

8.00 Adventures: Thank: — The Mightmark and the Dream. The story of the discovery of the wack of the Immous liner which sank in 1912 on her maiden voyage

9.00 thirty-something. Emmy award-winning comedy/drama soap. (Oracle)

10.00 Spring Spiritums. Recorded in March at the Carnegie Hall in New York, this concert of negrospirituate stars Kethleen Battle and Jessye Norman

Jessye Norman
11,30 On the Other Hand, Shukhur
Kapur hosts this talk show aimed at
an Asian audience, which tonight
concentrates on Asian families strengths and weaknesses

12.30cm Film: The Tingler (1959, b/w)
starring Vincent Price. A coroner discovers that feer can create a parasite in the spiral column, that can only be removed by appearance and response to be

can only be intoversely a screaming, and manages to isolate it. He then finds a effect cinema and there runs amok. A somewhat ridiculous horror story with

e. 46 Campbelle 7.40-8.40 Marder She Wrote: From Russis With Stood

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To the Saturday Matines 2.85 Flam: Beau Geste 6.00
News 6.15 Meliting 4.36 Famous Teddy 2.7.00
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Life 9.50 Raily Report 16.30 Easter Vigil 12.30 mm
Close

SKY ONE

8.00mb Barrier Real 6.36 The Flying Kini 7.00 Fun Factory 11.06 The Bionic Women 12.00 Frank Bough's World 1.00pm Back Sheep Squadrun 2.00 Wyr-Wresting Chillenga 3.00 Cricket West Indies v England, filth Test, from Antigua 10.35 WWF-Superstars of Wrestling '89 11.30 The Uniouchables

SKY NEWS

5.00cm Sky News 5.30 Motor Sports
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of Target 1.30 Motor Sports News 2.30
Entertainment This Week 3.30 Those
Were The Days 4.30 Beyond 2000

From 8.00 and The Shopping Channel

All films will be scrambled

2.00 per The Gods Must Be Crary: An
Asican native discovers a Coca-Cola bottle
which becomes an object of worship

4.00 Who Are the Outer 1878: Bockman's
about the Debolt family

3.15 Empire of the Sun (1988): Steven
Spielberg's adaptation of J.G. Ballard's
novel about a young boy's experiences
in the POW cancer of Janeses could
China during the Second World War

7.40 Entertainment Tonight

4.00 Mary Fyther and the Holy Call
(1974): The team's remarkpretation of the
legend of King Arthur and the quest for
the Holy Grail

9.40 UK Top 10: Channe films

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calls which drawn her hoo my control of the
comedy in which a young man's dean with
the girl of his dreams ends in a madding
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4.00 The Falcon and the Sean Pank de-friends dealing government secrets to the Soviet Union. Ends at 8.10 mm

EUROSPORT

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8.30am Non-Stop Pure Pop 8.30 US Top 20 Countdown 11.00 Yo 11.30 Week in Rock 12.00 Ray Cokes 12.30pm Club MTV 1.00 Ray Cokes 4.30 XPO 8.00 The Big Picture 5.30 Party Zone 7.30 Kristians Backer 50.00 Schwatze Michiel Lan Kristiane Backer 10.00 Saturday Night Live 10.30 Club MTV 11.90 Erolika 11.36 Maikan Wexo 2.00am Night Videos

SCREENSPORT

1.00sm ice Hockey 3.00 Rugby League 4.30 Wide World of Sport 5.30 Tennis 7.00 August Sand Soviet Sand Terms 7.00

Rugby League 6.30 Boxing 10.15

Argentinian Footbell 11.15 Motor Raicing
1.15pm Indy Cart 3.00 Termis 4.00 Ice
Hockey 6.00 Polo World 6.30 Powersports 7.30 los Hockey 9.30 Skiing 10.15 Pro Box 11.30 Argentinian Football

LIFESTYLE

10.00cm Jason of Star Command 12.30cm The Secrets of Isis 1.00 Smothers Brothers 1.30 McKeever & The Colonel 2.00 Championship Rodeo 3.00 Wrestling 4.00 The Edge of Night 6.00 The Self-A-Vision Shopping Channel

 Full information on satellite TV programmes is available in the weekly magazine, TV Guide.

Not ladies in retirement

(RADIO CHOICE)

Peter Davalle

I hope the company of actresses whose names add lustre to the cast list in tonight's Saturday-Night Theatre production of Noel Coward's amusing and touching play Waiting in the Wings (Ractio 4, 7.45pm), will not think it indelicate of me to mention that they are no longer in the first flush of youth. Indeed one of them, Mary Ellis, has made no secret of the fact that she is approaching her ninetieth birthday. As for the rest, considerations of age must take second place to the selfevident fact that this teaming of performers including Evelyn Laye, Patricia Hayes, Mary Wimbush, Jill Balcon and Dinah Sheridan, and the sprinkling of comparative juniors such as Hannah Gordon, constitutes a powerful concentration of acting talent which we rarely encounter in Saturday-Night Theatre. It is has joined Lord Lucan and an arid exercise, therefore, to Shergar in the long line of pretend that there is any baffling disappearances.



Evelyn Laye: rare acting talent (Radio 4, 7.45pm) significance in the fact that the setting for Waiting in the Wings is a home for retired

 As the launderette chit-chat between staff and customers in Scaperama (Radio 4, 10.15pm) already borders on the surreal, I don't see why there had to be an extra injection of fantasy in the shape of the droll John Walters pretending to be locked inside a washing machine while looking for the sock that

WORD-WATCHING

Auswers from page 16 NUNDINE (b) The ancient Roman market day, every eighth day (ninth by Roman reckoning, counting both days) from the latin novem nine + dies day: "The practect bad threatened to bring the case, on the next nundines, before the sitting sediles." WLAT (c) Nausen, loathing, dis-

translated into wistness," CRYPTOCHROMISM (a) Secret colour, camou-flage, from the Greek traptos hidden + chroma colour: "Grays, however, remained his favorite cryptochrotzists, and, in eryptecurumana, and, magenizing nightmares, I tried in vain to sort out properly such ghosts as Chryster's Shell Gray."

RADIO 1

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5.00sam Gary King 7.00 The
Bruco and Lz Brealdast Show
10.00 Dave Lee Travis
1.00pm Adrian Juste 2.00 The
Compleat Collins: Phil Collins
talks to Mike Reed 3.00 The
Saturday Sequence with
Richard Skinner 7.00 Andy
Pesbles Soul Train 9.20 in
Concert: Featuring the New Jersey
Mass Choir, recorded at the
Dominion Theatre, London 10.30
Victor Lowis-Smith 11.002.00am The Saturday Rock Show 2.00am The Saturday Rock Show with Alan Preeman

RADIO 2

FM Stereo 4.00am Dave Bussey 6.00 Graham Knight 8.05 Sounds of the Filtrer 5.0 Sounds of the ties 10.00 Anne Robinson Sixties 10.00 Anne Robinson
12.00 Geraid Harper 1.30pm
The News Huddines 2.00 Robin
Ray on Record 3.00 Martin
Keiner 4.45 Simon Gleonii 5.00
Cinema 2 5.30 The ABC Quiz
6.00 Howard Keel in Concert 7.00
String Sound 7.30 Saturday
Night Gala 9.30 Thanks for the
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WORLD SERVICE

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RADIO 3

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7.00 Morning Concert: Bantook
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Sunforletts under Del Mur);
Chopin (Noctume in G
minor, Op 37 No 1: Claudio
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Arrau, piano); Coweli (Saturday Night at the Fire House: Millimukee Symphony Orchestra under sympnony Orchestra under Foss)
7.35 Morning Concert (cont):
Glinka (Overture, Ruslan and Ludmillie: LSO under Georg Sotti): Liszt (Petrarch Sommin No 123 "Annihas de pélerinage — (talle": Jorge Bolet, piano); Rossini (Ballet Music "Otello": Monte Carlo National Opera Orchestra, under De Almelda);

under De Almeida); Tchsikovsky (fantasy Overture, Romeo and Juliet: Chicago SO under Solfi) 8.20 News
8.30 News
Robert Houlinan, with
Bernadette Greevy, mezzosoprano, performs SaintSaëns (Ouverture d'un

Opèra comique inachevé); Berlioz (La mort de Cleopâtre); Cèsar Franck (Le chasseur maudit); Bizet (Le chasseur mauory; exzer (Suite No 1) (r) 9.30 Saturday Review with Edward Greenfield. Record Review: orchestral discs are reviewed by Jonathan Swain; Tess Knighton on keyboard music by the Bach family and Cartos Seixas; John Steene raviews the first vocal releases in the Toscanini Edition: Requiem, Falstaff, Aida (Verdi) 10.40 Record Release: Verdi (Te Deum "Four Sacred Pieces": Robert Shaw Choraie; NBC SO under Toscanini); Sibelius (Suite No 1 "The Tempest": Gothenburg SO under larvi); Carlos Seixas (Sonatas: in D minor and in B flat: Robert Woolley, harpsichord); Beethoven (String Quartet in A, Op 18 No 5: Borodin String Custrett: Breaking

Quartett: Brahms (Symphony No 1 in C minor: NBC SO under Toscanini) 1.05 Words: Four reflections by writer Gabriel Josipovici. Part 1: Winged Words, Frozen Words 1.10 Symphonies of Beroque Winds: Philidor Ensemble

2.30 A Consumerate Conductor (FM only trom 3.00):
Herbert von Karajan.
Richard Osborne presents seven programmes. Part 3:
Richard Strauss (Metamorphosen: Vienna PO; Rosenkavater, todract: Philhamonial): Also sprach Zarathusry: Berlin PO; Four Last Songs: Berlin PO; Sunding Mill Worly): West indies v England, fifth Test, from St John's, Antiqua 4.30 Début (FM cnly): Carole Censil, harpsichond, performs Louis Couperin (Prelude and Chacosne in F; Sebestiam de Albaro (Sonatas: No 1 and 2 in G minor); Bach (Pastorate in F; BWV 550); Balbastre (La Lugeac)

BWV 590); Balbastre (La Lugeac)

Lugeac the Smitchi Collection, London; and Women. Art and Society by Whitney Chadwick Music for the Double Bass Music for the Double 1995
(FMI only) played by Duncan
McTer, with Kathron
Sturrock, piano. Bottesini
(Romanza Paletica);
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bass); Bottesini (Faintasia,
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10.30); Grand Theatre
Geneva Chories Suisse

Geneva Chorus; Sulsse Romande Orchestra under Bruno Campanella perform Rossim's heroic opera in two acts. Live from the Grand Thempu, Ganera. 1 8.00 Operatic life in 1 8-00 Operator are in Switzerland today is examined by Simon Milner 8-25 Act 2, Part 1 8-15 Byron in Switzerland. Compiled by Carola Rosen (r) 9-35 Act 2, Part 2 19.45 Studio 3: The Border, by Graham Swannell. A seemingly happy marriage is rocked by a constraint remark. With Dirisdale

LW (a) Stereo on FW 5.58em Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Bueling, Weather 6.10 The Farming Weeks Yorkshire's crops; Oliver Yorkshire 5 crops; Oliver Waiston in Boston; and Henry Yates in New Zesland 6.50 Prayer for the Day with James Whitbourn 6.56 Weether 7.00 Today, with Chris Lowe and John Humphrys, incl 7.00, 8.00, 8.20 News 7.55, 8.56

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1.10 Any Questions? Jemes Naughtie in Askirem Greage Prison, York, with panellists Louis Blom-Cooper, chairman of the Press Councit, Edwins Currie, MP; Ann Taylor, MP; and The Most Flev and Rt Hon John Habgood, Archibishop of

York (r)
2.06 News; Any Answers? 01580 4411. Jonathan
Dirableby takes istoners'
calls on issues raised in this. week's Any Chestion?

2.30 Pusted Visions: Play by
Deve Morris. A lawyer wins
his clarif an alternative to Landen and Morag Hood 11.20 Franz Liszt CO under Janos

RADIO 4

Weather 9.00 News 9.06 Sport on 4 with Citif Morgan 9.05 Sport-on 4 with Call' Morgal
9.30 Breakaway: Holiday and
travel news. Bernerd Falk
visits Buetos Aires in
Argentina; and Chris
Hawksworth explores
Patagonia, the lakes of
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Sherrin, with guests Robert Eines, Victoria Mather and John Weiters (s) 11.08 News; Talking Politics: Alex Brutenes of *The Guardian* sournines the involvement of black people in British politics

of black people in British politics

11.30 Europhile: Weekly magazine reflecting political life in Europe. This week, the harm visit Proque to establish what democracy will mean to the Czechs, Presented by Max Easterman

12.00 Money Box with Louise Botting and Vincent.

stop talking game. With Clement Faud, Emma Freud, Derek Namno and Tim Rice. With Nicholas Parsons in the chair (s) 12.65 Weather

FM as LW except:

3.45 Stephen Pile investigates . In the second of two programmes, advice is given for the father-to-be
4.90 Age to Age with Barry Cunitife. This week, Keith Winghtson examines how today's wedding customs came into being, and extends an invitation to the wedding of Kathryn Swaby and Andrew Ferris at the Paristi Church of St Mary's, Amondabury, near Bristol Lewis 3.45 Stephen Pile

Lewis

6.00 Conversation Place (new sories): in the first of six programmes, Sue -MacGregor meets theatre director and actives Gien Walford, who talks about her life and work in Hong

Kong, Bornso, Greece — and Liverpool (r) 5.25 Strictly T-T: Ian Carmichae presents an appreciation of Terry-Thomas 6.50 Shipping Forecast 6.55 Weather 6.50 News; Sports Rosind-up 8.25 Citizens rendition (s) 8.25 Citizens commisse edition (s) 7-10 Ad Lib: Flobert Robinson listens in to conversations in pubs and clubs ground

7.46 Saturday-Night Theatre: Watting in the Wings, by Noël Coward (a) (see Choice) 9.50 Ten to Ten lad by Canon Chin Sement from the Colin Semper from the Garden Tomb in Jerusalem (s) 9-38 Weather 10.00 News

16.00 News
16.14 Sosperame: The Quest for the Massing Sock (see Choice)
10.45 Octoman Adventure: Challactions, in the trard of

Chritzations. In the tiard of eight programmes, novelist Joseph Hone continues his puriney through Turkey, heading south along the Aegean coast to the altes at Epiesus. Troy and Aptrocleles

11.90 Richard Batter Compares Nicholas Deniel and Cella Nicklin (s) (r)

11.30 And Now, in Colour Part 3: Nerathon. Comedy with Title Firth, Ten de Jongh. Michael Plager and William Vandyck (s)

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Jasper Rees.

♠ An elongated Arena (BBC2, 8.55pm) paints a sprawling portrait of Havana, a city where the cars are all classic and the citizens drop into the hip-rotating rumbs. whenever they spot a lens. Taking a camera where cameras have not often been before, Jana Bokova's leismely, bits-and-pieces documentary captures a seething cross-section of Cuban society, with its shabby grandeur and its shanty town, its carnivals and its communism. In a dilapidated tenement block a woman laughs off the fact that her floor caved in one day when she was asleep; in a lavishly decorated villa, a self-im-portant writer sounds off about himself. "You've never had it so good," shouts a slum-dwelling Fidel faithful octogenarian to her neighbour (amusing proof that thetorical phrases are the same the world over). Discuffunchized poets, painters and novelists, who quote liberally from their works, beg to differ: many of them have been silenced since Castro led the revolution 30 years ago. The impression one gleans is of a dignified, irrepressibly Latin race blithely undiminished by totalitarianism.



Bokova's documentary captures Cuban society (BBC2, 8.55pm)

RADIO CHOICE

Peter Davalle

What Cara Potter Say? (Radio 3, FM, 6.15pm) is Karin Fernald's warmly human compilation of impressions of Bernard Leach, who put his poetry into his pottery, his pottery into his poetry, and his deeply philosophical nature into both. His pronouncements on his craft have a missionary ring to them. "You can't starve people too long of a heartbest in art," for instance, says so much in so few words. And if we listen intently, we can almost hear William Morris's voice making common cause with Lesch's as the potter states his creed "We craftsmen are fighting against the maesthetic of heardess repetition"... For fortuitous topicality, Reading Alond (Radio 4, 8.40pm) takes some besting. It's about the ghastly conditions prevailing in Britain's jails. For the 20th century, however, we have

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7.40 Mother Teresa with a prayer for 7.40 Mother Tereas with a prayer for mothers to be
7.45 Film: Damsel in Distress (1937 b/w) starring Fred Assaire and Joan Fontaine. A sparking Gershwin musical with a P. G. Wodehouse screenplay about an aristocrat's daughter who is trying to find "Nir Right" from among her many sultors. Directed by Pandro S. Berman
9.25 Mother Tereas with a prayer for

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Paul II 11.00 Urbi et Orbi. The Pope's

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traditional Easter blessing
11.30 Electric Avenue, Libyd's of
London's new computer system (r)
11.55 Cartoon.
12.05 See Hearf looks at the plans for
the British Deaf Association's
centenary celebrations in
Rootton

Brighton
12.30 Country File. John Craven reports

12.30 Country File. John Craven reports from the Scotlish Island of Arran where Charles Florde hes decided to charge geology students for the right to go on his land
1.00 News with Moira Stuert. Weather
1.05 Wildlife an One examines the perious existence of marmots in the Austrian Tyrol (1), (Ceetax)
1.30 Popeys Triple Bill 1.45
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Davies introduces today's memorial service, direct from Amileid, for the 95 people who dipd at Hillsborough a year ago. (Ceetar)

3.25 Film: 633 Squadon (1964)
sterring Clift Robertson and George Chakins. Over-blown/Second World War drama about the plan to bomb a German V2 factory in Norway. Directed by Walker.
Grauman. (Ceetar)

5.60 All Cur children. The first of a 12-part documentary seeles about the world's children, four tifths of whom live outside the industrialized Northern Hemisphere in conditions of ebject powerty. (Ceetar)

Conducts of acject powers, (Ceefax)

5.50 The Clothes Show includes the new-look Giff Guides' uniforms

6.15 Lifeline. Dr Jonathen Miller appeals on behalf of the Alzheime Desase Society

6.25 News with Moira Shuart. Weather 6.40 Songs of Praise from Covenity. (Ceefax)

6.25 News with Micka Shuart. Weather
6.40 Songs of Praise from Coventry.
(Ceefax)
7.15 Not a Penny More, Not a Penny
Less. The final part of the sterile
dramatization of Jeffrey Archer's
best-saller, starring Ed Begley, ir and
Edward Asner. (Ceefax).
8.05 The Black Adder. The repeat of
the cult comedy series continues with
Edmund Blackadder trying to get
his arch-rival appointed Archbehop
of Cambrbury (r)
8.40 Mastermind. The specialist
subjects are John Constable, Henry
Williamson, the British Labour.
Party from 1900 and Russian History
1861-1917
9.10 Last of the Summer Wine. Gentle
comedy about three Yorkshire
pensioners, a repeat of fact year's
Christmas special. (Ceefax)
10.00 Marus with Philip Hayton. Weather
10.15 Everyman: Joker in the Pi-ck.
David Jenkins, the controversial
Bistop of Duffram, reflects on the
oriticisms that have followed his
interpretations of the Virgie birth
and other theological issues
11.00 Someone Like Me. Janice Long
(revestigates the "E" Force, a media
training course for the
unemployed
11.30 international Cricket. Highlights
from the third day of the firth and final
Test between England and the
West Indies
12.00 Mother Tereen with a
thanksgiving for love
12.45 Weather

8.00 TV-sim 8.00 Anne Dismond on Sunday. Guests include the Roux brothers and, reviewing the newspapers, Frances Edmonds and Andrew Net. With news and weather at 8.00 and 9.00

and 9.00
9.26 Kylle—On the Go. Highlights of tylie Minogue's first concert tour of England and Japan (r)
10.15 The Campbella. Wholesome series about a Scottish doctor and his family in 19th-century Canada 10.45 Link axamines cosmetic camoutage 11.00 Ensurer Standary Moming Service from Glasgow University
12.00 Encounter: The Most Important Question in the World. Richard Harries, the Bishop of Oxford, is, at 54, the youngest of the front-

at 54, the youngest of the front-numers for the post of Archbishop of Canterbury. But for many years he questioned the

itieral truth of the Resurrection, and here he retraces the steps that led him to an answer he could accept 12.30 My Pet Monster, Cartoon 12.65 LWT News and weather 1.00 News with Sue Carpenter. Weather 1.00 News with Sue Carpenter.

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1.10 Film: Doctor in Clower (1966)
starring Lastie Philips and James
Robertson Justice. Medical
comedy, soah in the series based on
the Richard Gordon novels.
Directed by Ralph Thomas
3.00 Film: Hatarii (1962) starring John
Wayne, Elsa Martinelli and Red
Buttons. Lighthearted action film
about wild animal trappers in Africa,
Directed by Howard Hawks
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Wasther **8.35 LWf News** and weather **8.40 Highway.** Sir Harry Secombe visits Coventry **7.15 A Kind of Living.** Run-of-the-mill situation comedy. (Oracle) **7.45 Film: When the Whistes Came** (1989) starring Helen Mirren, Paul Scofield and David Threlfall. Central Television helped produce this 20th Central Fox presentation, which had a limited cinema release, set around the time of the First World War. On the Isles of Scilly, two children isies of Scilly, two children befriend a rackese known as the Birdman who is shunned by the rest of the superstitious islanders. When a beached narwhal is found, the adults decide it should be

found, the adults decide it should be killed, and the children, urged by the Birdman, must persuade them otherwise to avoid bringing a curse down on them all. Directed by Clive Rees. (Oracle)

9.40 News with Sue Carpenter.

Weather 9.55 LINT Weather

19.00 Not With a Beng. Unusual comedy about four survivors in a post-holocaust world

10.30 The South Bank Show. A biographical film about Hindemith, certaing on his opera. Mathis der Maler

11.20 Golf: US PGA Seniore
Tournament. Highlights of the final round from the PGA National Golf Ctub, Palm Beach, Florida
12.20am Seap. Superb comic chace concerning the Tate and Campbell families fo families (r) 12.50 One to One. With rock star Robert

1.20 The ITV Chart Show (r). Followed

1.29 The ITV Chart Show (r). Followed by News headlines
2.20 Firm: The Leather Boys (1963, b)w) starring Rita Tushingham, Colin Campbell and Dudley Sution. An impulsive young woman enters a doomed marriage to a motorcycle-loving mechanic. The film focuses on the opposing viewpoints of the two main characters, set against the backdrop of their sleazy anvironment. Directed by Sidney J. Furle

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4.30 The Story of Rock 'n' Roll. The
pop idols of the 1950s and 1960s
5.00 ITM Morning News. Ends at 6.00

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7.30 Ember CBBC1 presented by
Simon Parkin and Andi Peters begins
with Poddington Peas (r) 7.35
Peep and the Big Wide World part
one 7.45 Playdays (r) 8.05 Peep
and the Big Wide World part two
8.15 PJ Fonnyburny 8.35 New
Adventures of Mighty Mouse
8.50 A Little Monkey's Schooling. How
a small wild monkey adjusts to the
human world 9.20 Heathcliff with
Cats and Co (r) 8.40 Blue Peter
Omnibus (r)

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10.30 Film: The Land That Time Forgot
(1974). Edgar Rice Burrows's fantasy
adventure about a group of
seamen who discover an island
inhabited by apemen and
prehistoric creatures. Starring John
McEnery and Doug McClure.
Directed by Kevin O'Conner
12.00 World Spoolsy. First round action
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1.30 to Missesse Mac in the USSR (r).
(Ceefax)

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2.10 International Cricket. Highlights
of the second's day play in the fifth
Test between West Indees and
England from Antiqua (r)
2.40 World Speaker. Further live scalen
from the Crucible, Sheffield
8.26 England Further live scalen

from the Crucible, Sheffield

5.25 Rugby Special. Highlights of
Cardiff v Barbarians and the 100th
Melrose Sevens

6.25 It's Garry Shandling's Show.
American comedy

6.45 A Most Private Public Man.
Donald Trefford with the second of
two interviews with Lord
Goodman. (Ceetax)

7.15 Land of the Eagle. The last in the
series on the natural history of North
America. (Ceefax)

8.06 Washes Whiter. Series examining
the history of television advertising.
(Ceefax)

(Ceefax)
8.55 Arana: Havana (see Choice)
10.40 World Smooker from the Crucible,

Sheffield 12.00 Rapido (r). Ende at 12.35em

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Transworld Sport (r) 7.00
Growing Places with Penelope Keith
(r). (Telemed 7.30 Bright Sparks
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and the Wheeled Warriors (r)
9.25 Spice. Eastern arts programme
10.00 To Be a Butterfly. The life cycle of
the butterfly (r)

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11.00 Boom! (r) 11.30 Gophers! (r)
12.00 The Waltons 1.00 Land of the Gients 2.00 Film: Monsieur Hulot's Holiday

2.00 Films Monaireus Hulot's Holiday (1953, b/w) starring Jacques Tati. Classic comedy with Tati as the holidaymaker who brings confusion to a Brittany seasole resort. Directed by Jacques Tati

3.35 Animation on 4. Crimnal Tango and Mr Rossi Goes Camping

3.55 Testiment. John Romer looks for historical evidence of the Bible stories (r.)

stories (r)
4.55 The Nat King Cole Show (b/w).
With Mel Torme and June Christy

5.25 News summary and weather 5.30 Women's Soccer. England's European Championship qualifier

against Belgium

5.30 The Wonder Years

7.00 Far From the Madding Crowd
(1967). A disappointing adaptation of
Thomas Hardy's classic novel
about the willful woman who ruins the
lays of those men. Starring fulls lives of three men. Starring Julie Christie, Ian Bates, Terence Stamp and Peter Finch. Directed by John Schlesinger 10.05 Film: Salazm Bombayl (1988). Shaliq Syed stars in this Oscar-nominated Indian drama, set in

Bombay's seedy underworld.
Directed by Mira Nair

12-10am Roundwood Park: The
Concert of 89. A diverse musical
mixture from the London Borough

of Brent's music festival 1.10 Animation on 4. Curriculum Vitae, Passing Days and Dizzy Red Riding Hood. Ends at 1.40

VARIATIONS

BBC1 WALES: 11.30am Time For Sport

12.50 Nex.30pm-1.00 Ferming in Wales 12.45am
12.50 News and weather SCOTT.Millio 11.00pm
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11.50 Scottish Testimony 12.05am International

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BBC2 WALES: 10.30am Carbons 10.50 The

Francis Doctors 11.35-12.00 See Hear!

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News 9.30 Caught in the Act 10.50 First. The Hustler

NETWORK 2 Starts: 19.15em Spartacus
Street 2.30 Just Wild About Harry 2.55 Masterworks
3.05 Festival 5.39 Cork Choral Festival 6.35 Zorro
8.30 Real Food of Crinia 6.35 Nuacht 7.00
Shannock: Rose and Thistle 7.30 Fair City 8.06 Infinite
Voyage 9.05 Cevalieria Rusboars 10.20 Sports Special
11.00 Raby Report 11.40 Close

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

8.00mm Hour of Power — Easter Day 7.00 Fun Factory 11.00 Hour of Power — Easter Day 12.00 Beyond 2000 1.00pm That's Incredible 3.00 Cricket: West Indies v England, fifth Test, from Antique 11.00 Sky News 11.30 Entertainment This Week

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SKY MOVIES

From £.00mm The Shopping Channel

All films will be scrambled

2.00pm The Titles of Booths Potter
(1971): Performed by the Royal Ballet

4.00 Lamern Hill (1988): A young girl
attempts to reunite her estranged parents

6.00 Friendship in Vienna (1988): Story
of a Jewish teenager (Jenny Lewis) and her
Catholic friend (Kame Harper) before
and after the 1938 Nazi takeover of Vienna

7.40 Projector: Movies on Sky 7.40 Projector: Movies on Sky 8.00 Big (1988): A young boy who wishes he was big, wakes up in the morning to find his wish has been granted. With

to find his wish has been granted. With Torn Hanks
10.00 Bird (1988): Clint Eastwood's biography about jazz musician Charlie Parker (Forest Whitaker)
12.45am The Mean Season (1985): A reporter investigating the death of a young girl in Miami becomes the killer's target. With Kurt Russell, Mariel Hemingway and Richard Jorden
2.30 Edge of Sanity (1988): Anthony Perkins as a Dr Jekytl-Mr Hyde character, who turns into Jack the Ripper by night
4.00 Puberty Blues (1981): Humorous

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EUROSPORT

6.00am As Sky One 9.00 BMX 9.30 Surfer Magazine 10.00 Motor Sport 11.00 Curing 12.00 Showjumping 1.00pma Handball 2.00 Film Premiere: The Power of Football 3.30 World Figure Skating Championships 5.00 Horse Box 6.00 Cycling: The Liege Bastogne-Liege Race 7.00 Spanish Football 9.00 Film: The 1954 World Cup 10.45 Showjumping 11.45 Cyling

6.00am Ray Cokes 10.30 The Big Picture 11.00 European Top 20 12.30pm Club MTV 1.00 Paul King 5.00 MTV's Greatest Hits 6.00 XPO 6.30 Kristiane Backer 8.30 New Visions: World Beat 10.00 Week in Rock 10.30 Club MTV 11.00 Night Videos

12.30cm Pro Bowlers Tour: 13 1.45
Skiing 2.30 American Basketball 4.00
Spanish Football Highlights 4.30
Motorsport 5.00 los Hockey 8.00 Motor
Racing 10.00 Polo World 10.30 Ternis
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6.00 los Hockey 8.00 Skiling 8.45 Polo
World 9.15 Tennis 10.45 US Boxing
12.15am Sport en France

Full information on satellite TV programmes is available in the weekly magazine, TV Guide.

RADIO 1 News on the half-hour from 8.30am until 12.30pm, then at 2.30, 4.30, 7.30, 8.30pm 8-00mm Cary King 7-00 The Bruno and Liz Breakfast Show 9-30 Dave Lee Travis 12-30pm Pick of the Pops with Alex Ergomen This works Alan Freeman. This week: 1965 1977 and 1985 **3.00** Pop of the rm: School pop quiz host Mike Read 3.36 Philip hofield 5.00 Top 40 with Bruno Brookes **7.00** Anné Mightingale's Request Show 9.00 Andy Kershaw 11.00-2.00am Bob Harris on Sunday

7.00 Handel (Messiah, Part 2, excerpts: Choir of Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford;

under Hamoncourti

7-30 News
7-35 Whom Do You Seek? The starting point for many characters of the Easter narrative mose from the question which first angels asked the women at the form of Christ, Schola-Antique of News York.

Antiqua of New York, directlind by John Blackley,

resurgenti: Music for Easte Day. Couperin (Motet pour le jour de Pâques: Mieike van der Sluis, soprano, Guillemerte Laurens, mezza Marianne Multer, viole da

gamba, Laurence Boulay, organ); Bach (Cantata No 31, Der Himmel lacht, die

Erde jubilieret: Vienna Boys Choir, Chorus Viennensis; Vienna Concentus Musicus

Stanford (Te Deum in B flat: St Paul's Cathedral Chok-

St Paul's Cethedral Choliunder Rose Mark Biatchly, organi; Tallis (When Rising from the Bed of Death: Satisbury Cathedral Choliunder Deamley; Yaughan Williams (Fantasia on a Theme by Thomas Tallis: ECO under Yehudi Menuhin); Debussy (Sonata for flute, viola and harp); Schumann (Fantasia in C: Murray Perahla); Moeran

Murray Perahia); Moeran (Violin Concerto: LSO under

Swanston investigates; A consensation with soprano Kristine Clesinski, Timothy

Kristine Clesinski, Timothy Day visits the National Sound Archive; A 16th-

Century Scot - Robert Carver is put in the context

on ver is put in the context of his time by John Purser 11.15 BBC SO ander Andrew Davis performs Prokofav (Suite, 11 Kije Prano Concerto No 3); Bratuns (Surrebows Mc 4); and

(Symphony No. 4), incl.
12.10pm Interval Reading
1.05pm Liszt: The plantst Louis

une lecture due De

Lorbe performs Sposalizio; Il persieroso; Carizonetta del Salvator Rosa; Three Petrarch Sonnets; Après

Vermon Handley)

10.30 Music Weeldy with Michael
Oliver, Benjamin Franklin:
Platesman, Solantist
Musicium — Rotlerick

under Harrichcourt) :

8.35 Your Concert Choice:

performs three of these

plays
7.55 Victoria — Christo

Academy of Ancient Music under Hogwood; Concerto prosso in F, Op 6 No 9: Vienna Concentus Musicus

RADIO 2

4.00 sun David Alian 8.00
Graham Knight 7.30 Good Moming Sunday 8.05 Melodies for You 11.00 Your Redio 2 All-Time Greats 1.00 pm Ivan Rebroff, the Russian Bear from Berlin 2.00 Benny Green 3.00 Sounds Easy 4.00 | Salonisti 4.30 Sing Something Simple 5.00 Chartie Chester 7.00 The Max Jaffa Trio 7.30 Prom Praise 9.00 Your Hundred Best Tunes 10.06 The Radio 2 Arts Programme 12.05 am Sounds of the Philes 1.00 4.00 Nightide -

2.65 Whom Do You Seek? The second of three programmes. A liturgical play depicting the arrival of the sorrowing women at the tome of Christ and their realization that he is risen string Quartet performs. Boccherini (Fure Chulhat in G, G 423); Mozant (Flute Quartet in A, K 298); Boccharini (Flute Custriat in E flat, G 424) (r)

2.55 Halle Orchestra (Filli only inon 3.00) under Ratael Ediblack of Burnors.

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Geoffrey Parsons, piano,
Pepe Romero, guitar, Dieter
Flury, flute, perform Handel
(E pur cosi in um giorno ...
Planoero la sorte misi Plangero la sorte mia "Gullo Cosaro"), Strauss (Ruhe meine Seele; Morgan; Helmkehr, Nichts), Duparc (L'Invitation au voyage; Lamento; Lai Vie untarieure;

(Canglones populares espanoles)
spanoles)
6.15 What Can a Potter Say?
(FM only) (see Choice)
7.00 Berlin PO (FM only)
performs Mozart and
Berlioz

Berlioz B. Se Ruth Dyson (FM only). harpsichord, performs anon (Baletto favorito; 12 pessamezzi "di noma anticho": Le Ceoriole: Periovane detta la Paganine); Juan Cabanille torca versos); ænon (El

in G minori: Schnittke (Quartet No 2); Smeta (Quartet No 1 in E minor "From My Life") (r) 10.05 Third Ear (FM only) with Paul Barker (r) 10.30 Chorat Evensong 11.30 Whom Do You Seek? The

2.55 Halle Orchestra (FM only from 3.00) under Rafael (Frühbeck de Burgos performe Stravinsky (The Fairy's Kiss); Mather (Symphony No 1)
3.00-10.30 Test Match Special (MW only): West Indies v England, fifth Test from St. John's, Artificus
4.16 Formaneos (FM only): Matthew Locks (Suite in G minor); Nicola Mattelis (Ayres for the Violin); Purcell (Sonate of three perts, 1683) 1683) 6.40 Poet of the Monte (Fill Chanson triste); Ravel (Shénérazade); Falia

villano) (r)

8.55 Stamic String Quartet of Prague (FM only) performs Carl Stamitz (Quartet No 9

risen Christ is encountered by the disciples on the road

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6.10 Praised (s) 6.30

News: Northing has Broken
(s) 6.35 Weather 7.00

News 7.10 Sunday Papers

7.15 On Your Farm: Caire Powell
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Lambourn, a runs chapter
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7.55 Weather 8.00 News
8.10 Sunday Papers 8.50

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9.10 Sunday Prapers
9.15 Letter from America by
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9.30 Morning Service: The Eas
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Listeners' questions are
answered by Dr Stefan answered thy Dr Stetan Buczacki, Fred Downham and Daphn a Ledward. With

and Daptin B Ledward. With Clay Jones in the chair

2.30 A Special Tyeat: Play by Frank Dunn B. Does the wife of an Irish CiP living in the south of England know her husband is leaving an affair? With Tony Cloyle as the Doctor, Mar come Floridan as the Cirl and Meurean O'Prien as Flam (s) (r)

3.00 Literature is any Mistress — Medicine, my Wife: Part 2: Five Kopecks a Line. A seven-part profile of Anton Ne Ropeats a time. Anton Chekhov's life, compiled by Michael Bekywell, as reflected in his own writings

of poet, playwright and lyricist Thomas Haynes Bayly (1797-1839) (1)

11.30 Seeds of Faith: The Four Marys. Part 1: Mary from Magdala, who was present at the crucifolion and at the trucifolion and at the tr and the words of larrily and irrends. With David Suchet as Chelchov (is)

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RADIO 4

4.00 News; Sosodtrack: A Tame of Britain, Andy Kershaw joins an American coach party on a wristle-stop tour of England, Scotland and Walen. Last in the series to Bishop Michael Nazir-Ali, general secretary of the Church Missionary Society News; Down the River: Cliff Morgan traces the Course of 5.00 News; Down the River: Ciff
Morgan traces the course of
the River Fowey in Cornwall
5.40 Japan Five, Wales Nit: Part
1: The Tokyo Horrors.
Whish writer Alun Richards
talks about the year he
spent in Japan (r) 5.50
Shipping Forecast 5.55
Weather

6-00 News 6-15 Feedback with Chris Denkley (r)

6.30 Europhile: Weekly magazine reflecting political life in Europh (r)

7.00 While the Cat's Away: Part 4: The Mittes Touch Julie Miner meeting with

Mayer presents stories with music for children (s)

7.30 Boolshelt: Nigel Forde talks to Auerralian author Dawid Matouf; and Jilly Cooper was her own choice of reading (r) 8.00 Punters with Summ Mariling (r) 8.40 Reading Aloud (s) (see Location Reacing Albub (s) (see Choice)

News: Truesure Islands: Kambein Griffin talks to Bellerley Mathias, director of the National Library for

the Handicapped Child (r)
9.15 The Natural History
Programme with Fergus
Keeing and Jussica Holm
9.86 Weather 10.00 News 10.16 The Churchill Years: Part 4

One Day in May. The last of six plays by David Wheeler, documenting Winston Churchili's career 11.00 Oh, No, We Never Mention Her! A treute to the memory

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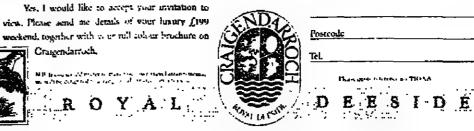
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By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

to end its support for the firstpast-the-post electoral system in the face of fears that the next Boundary Commission total reform." review of parliamentary seats could wipe out the advance it expects to make at the general

Labour was on an unstoppable journey to electoral reform, Mr Jeffrey Rooker, MP for Birmingham. Perry Barr, and chairman of the Labour Campaign for Electoral Reform, said at a conference in Birmingham.

He said: "There is only one route to making the Commons more representative of society as measured by gender, racial and religious mix.

Mr Rooker's speech was the

That, it is argued, would give a Labour government the authority to delay implementation of the next boundaries review which, because of

Mandela concert snub to Whitehall

By Michael Knipe, Diplomatic Correspondent

arrives in London to a VIP edge the role of ordinary welcome tomorrow for a pop- people in the international meets-politics event which has captured the attention of the world, enraged the right and left the British Government out in the cold.

Mr Nelson Mandela is making his first visit since 1962 and is being feted by the international anti-apartheid movement and the world of rock music. There has been a sell-out of 70,000 £20-seats for the pop concert being staged at Wembley Stadium in his honour on Monday and televised in more than 30 countries.

Controversy rages over whether the international tribute is a charity event or a political one. Complaints have been made about the BBC's decision to broadcast and televise it, and Conservative opposition councillors in Brent are planning a court injunction to prevent the borough conferring "the freedom of Brent" on the ANC leader.

Mr Pallo Jordan, an ANC official, said that a concert was the simplest, fastest and most

THE Labour leadership last structure: maintain historical seats away from Labour. Mr night faced renewed pressure and geographical areas of Neil Kinnock last year morepresentation and obtain bilized the votes of the unions representation for sizeable to defeat a motion committing minorities. The route is elec-

> opening shot in what is expected to be campaign running up to the annual conference to commit the party to a study of alternative electoral systems. There is expected to be pressure on the leadership to include a commitment at least to look at reform in its election

"Using this route we can population changes, could represerve our multi-party suit in a swing of more than 20

Africa's most celebrated son cost-effective way to acknowlcampaign in securing Mr Mandela's release from 27

years in prison. This Easter the Government will be even more conspicuous by its absence in meeting Mr Mandela, than it was when he last visited London in 1962. He was not nearly as famous then as he is now of course, but this weekend, history will repeat itself. During the the two-day visit there will not be even glancing contact with any members of the Government.

Mr Neil Kinnock and Sir David Steel will be at the concert as will the High Commissioners of Australia and Canada.

It is widely regarded as a pointed indication of the government's poor relationship with the ANC, and the penalty of its anti-sanctions policies that Mr Mandela is not even paying a courtesy call at the Foreign Office.

Need for change, page 10

the party to study reform. Since then, however, the party leader has made plain that he does not want to stop the debate about alternative systems and, in what could prove a historic decision, the Scottish Labour Party voted

last month in favour of a

system for the proposed Scot-

tish Assembly which "fairly

rewards parties with representatives broadly equal to the number of votes cast". Labour's policy review also makes clear that it is likely to adopt a different electoral system for the proposed secand chamber to replace the House of Lords and that the party is looking at other methods for the planned re-

gional assemblies. Mr Rooker argues that securing a two-term Labour government under a first-pastthe-post system is virtually

In a recent pamphlet he said that between 1976, the year on which current boundaries were based, and 1991, the likely year on which the next review will be based, the electorate of the shire counties will have increased by well over 2.7 million, while that of the metropolitan counties will have decreased by 32,000 and Greater London by 227,000.

On those figures the shires would gain an extra 19 parliamentary seats, the metropolitan counties lose eight and the London boroughs 11. About half the seats lost would be Tory, haif Labour, but virtually all the seats gained would be Tory.

He predicted that Labour would have a minimum net loss of about 11 seats and the Tories a minimum net gain of about 11.

In his speech last night to the annual conference of the Co-operative Party Mr Rooker said: "Slowly but surely the Labour and trade union movement is serving notice of an end to our bipartisan support with the Fories in defending the firstpast-the-post, winner takes all

WLAT



Shoulder to shoulder: Mrs Thatcher with President Bush and Sir Desmond Langley, the Governor of Bermudz.

boost for an old ally

understood to have been favourabic.

Mrs Thatcher yesterday sought to calm American fears about her relectance to commit Britain to closer economic and political integration in the European Community by spelling out to Mr Bush the kind of Europe she wishes to

She argued that such a Europe - free-trading, nonprotectionist, open to the world and with a potential for wider membership in the long term - was surely the kind that Americans too would

British officials confirmed that Britain was not attracted to Soviet calls for a unified Germany to belong both to Nato and the Warsaw Pact The East Germans, they insisted, had "cast a vote for the Western way of life". That required Germany to be part of Nato, although a Russian presence in the eastern half of Germany could be contem-plated "for a period".

British officials denied there was any difficulty with the US Administration over the Thatcher Government's attitudes to Europe and insisted that assurances had been received from Mr Bush that he was not forcing the pace on closer British integration.

On Lance missiles, officials agreed that the "situation has nged" because of Germany's progress towards

The Bermuda talks were in essence about finding a new defensive structure for Nato in the light of changed

Cyprus tightens security after threats to Soviet Jews

From Michael Theodonion Nicosia

CYPRIOT police have taken "draconian security measures" at Lanarca airport after reports that Arab militants were planning to attack Aeroflot aircraft carrying Soviet Jews on their way to Israel this Easter weekend.

An anti-terrorist police unit and armoured personnel carriers were deployed at the bustling airport on. Thursday after the Cypriot authorities "received information that there

would be an attack in the coming days", an airport security official said. Mr Christodoulos Veniamin, the Cypriot Interior Minister, said the reports were unconfirmed and he did not know what group or groups

were said to be posing the threat. Mr Demetris Demetrakis, the airport official, said a group of 30 Soviet Jews who arrived on an Aeroflot flight from Moscow on Thursday afternoon were whisked immediately, under tight security, to Limasol port, 50 miles away where they boarded a ferry

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to Haifa in Israel. Many Soviet Jews, using Cyprus as a stepping stone to Israel, take the ferry though most are said to be holidaymakers rather than

Aeroflot does not fly to Israel and Cyrpus airways has cut back its flights to Tel Aviv at the insistence of the Israelis whose own airline, El Al, does not have landing rights in Cyprus.

The immense security considerations involved in handling El Al flights are one reason why Cyprus and Israel have not reached agreement in

the trade dispute. The Cypriot Government hastily dealed a report by the Nicosia-based correspondent for Tass yesterday who claimed there had been an attempted attack on an Aeroflot jet on Thursday.

The Soviet Embassy in Nicosia seemed keen to play down the affair. An official said there was no solid information about threats to Aeroflot, though there "bad been some mutterings a few days ago that there had been threats, possibly from Hezbollah", the pro-Iranian organization in Lebanon.

THE TIMES CRC **TORD NO 18,268**

ACROSS

1 Sort of scale railway omitted from revised dictionary (8).

6 Defied by redskin daughter (6). 9 Look that is common or garden,

in a way (6). 10 Publicises journey from the run-

way (8). 11 Bob's sound in a fight (4-4). 12 Minor sees change in both hands

13 Tobacco-tin no longer accept-

able (5). 14 Funny amount to switch to an

outsider (3,3,3). 17 Plain sort of fish-pole (9). 19 Sword Henry dropped in a fury

22 Align pearl of high quality (6).

23 River backing into quiet, narrow street (5-3).

24 Artist of superficial beauty only?

25 Chance to participate in card-game with family (4-2). 26 Reading's cowboys? (6).

Jumbo Crossword and Concise Jumbo Crossword, page 44

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2 Mendelssohn's fourth wine? (7).

Reading to take on the beach (4-4 Nit-picker's first quarrel, being small-minded (6).

5 Revised chief grade as far as diplomat (6,9). 6 Branch deposit attracting Mavis perhaps (8).

7 Semiquaver is instant in Pucci-ni's school of composition (7). 8 Cleanser shifts rude op art (9).

13 Drink with stout soccer fan (9). 15 Alice, for example, to attack Billy's partner (5-4).

16 Standing still at point, make stops (8). 18 Ready to cast off, perhaps equipped to go round pole (7).

20 Euphoria of nucle, for example, not right in the head? (7). 21 This obstacle-race is downhill (6).

Solution to Pruzie No 18,267

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WORD-WATCHING A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Phillip Barried

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Answers on page 14

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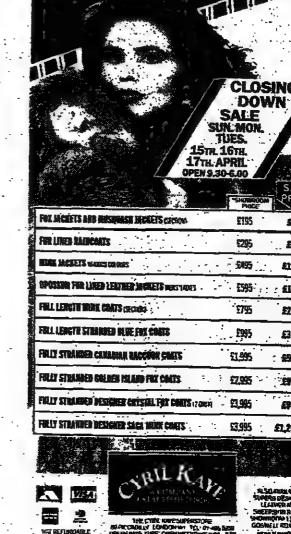
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Euro code would hit cashpoint card users

CASHPOINT card users will takes made in their bank or building society accounts through no fault of their own if

a European code of practice is taken up. The code, which looks at the use of debit and cashpoint cards, has been attacked as "unreasonable and unfair" by the Consumers' Association (CA). A clause would allow banks and societies to wash their hands of any mistakes made by their staff, unless customers notified them at

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At the moment, it is usual for cardholders to tell the issuer as soon as possible if a

But, under the code, they would also have to report any mauthorized transactions or mistakes made by the issuer switching the emphasis for spotting mistakes from the bank or society to their

To make matters worse, the code insists that cardholders must not only take measures to become immediately aware

of such problems, but prove that they have done so. This would mean proving that card statements had been checked in detail as soon as they dropped through the letter box.

If cardbolders could not

prove this, they would pre-sumably be liable for any franciscent transactions shown

The CA said it should be up to cand companies to monitor their own mistakes, not the

Miss Jane Vass, the head of the CA's Money Group, said she was "very disappointed" with the new code. She said: "Despite some reforms, the code is very much a missed opportunity for consumers. It is especially galling when the UK White Paper on banking shows what can be done to promote 'full and fair' contracts between card issuers. and bolders."

passing to Labour.

Beatty (the construction arm of BICC), and County & District Properties (the prop-

. If the nine-member neigh-

bourhood committee, which

has a Liberal majority of three,

rejects the application, SDG can appeal directly to the De-

partment of Environment. A.

decision deferred until after

the elections would leave the

scheme facing a far more hos-

Mr Brian Cheetham, SDG:

chief executive, is confident

that after six years of planning

and consultation, the current

scheme is a good one. But it is

United States than it thought. According to the share register, only about 2 per cent of the capital is held by United

States institutions, but it emerged this

week that twice that amount could be

This came to light at a series of roadshows held in America to promote appreciation of Rolls-Royce

shares. As the roadshow hit a series of

cities across the country, local fund

managers would sidle up after the

presentation to admit they were already

Within the next week or two, they will

be able to come out of the closet for

Rolls-Royce is arranging an American Depository Receipt facility for American

investors. The company is awaiting final

approval from the Securities and Ex-

change Commission before making the

shareholders through nominees.

held by US investors.

erty arm of Costain).

The White Paper recommended that a customer's liability for the loss or theft of a debit card should be restricted to £50. The code is likely to come as a blow to banks and societies, which are trying to encourage their customers to use debit cards rather than cheques to pay for

The code of practice was prepared by the European Credit Sector Associations. It applies only to debit and cashpoint cards, not credit

Move to oust MMI director

MR BARRY Phelps, a former City journalist who is manag-ing director of the MMI financial PR and marketing consultancy, is to resist moves by MMI and Mr Patrick Morris, its chairman, to oust him from the board.

MMI has called an extraordinary general meeting for the Monday after next for the sole purpose of removing him. Mr Phelps alleges constructive

TOURIST RATES

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BTR claims 64% of Norton as court battle continues

By Stephen Lexther, London, and John Durie, New York

BTR, the manufacturing conglomerate chaired by Sir
Owen Green, has gained a on the day after heavy trading importly stake in Norton, the Massachusetts-based heavy

Most US analysts section

(where Norton is based)," he interests to ignore as the board has anthorised the company to provide certain confidential information to interested parties. The board, consistent ity to invest in R&D, fund equipment producer.

million shares in response to raised the prospect of a higher its \$75-a-share tender offer bid should the Norton board giving it a total of 64.1 per cent become more co-operative.

It has extended its offer,

Ours order that it must hold to Norton its annual meeting as planned chief executive, Mr John Nel-on April 26. But the court said in which Mr Cahill it would agree to an early appealed for him to begin hearing on Tuesday to hear discussions with BTR. Norton's arguments.

Norton wants to delay the illumination of facts to prevail mutual meeting, at which it over a veil of hysteria of the expects a head-on confrontation with BTR, while it searches for a white knight.

Norton's legal fight comes seen as the alternative most its offer.

as New York Stock Exchange beneficial to Norton's employtrading suggests the market is ees, stockholders and the expecting a higher hid from community of Worcester ently feel it is in Norton's best itself with extra debt in its gearing to almost 70 per cent.

The company said yes and Mr John Cahill, BTR's terday that it has received 11.8 chief executive, has already

Mr Cabill said BTR would be willing to consider increaswhich values Norton at \$1.6 ing its offer if Norton pro-billion, to April 27. vided information showing that a higher price is

He made the offer in a letter

to Norton's chairman and "I urge clear reason with

"I am sure if you take that approach, BTR's offer will be

He added: "After repeated attempts, I have been unable to obtain information from the company or discuss and develop plans for the com-pany with either the management or its board of directors.
I hope we can establish such a

The terms of the BTR offer stipulated the bid would proceed only if it received twothirds acceptances from Norton shareholders.

Uncertainty over whether BTR will raise its-offer may account for the fact that it has so far failed to make the two-

Mr Cabill told the Norton board: "If the company can demonstrate to BTR additional value, BTR would be willing to consider increasing its offer.

with its fiduciary duties, should provide us promptly with the same confidential business and financial

Norton has declined Mr Cahill's repeated request to see the company's con-fidential financial data because it requires BTR to sign a standstill agreement before it allows release of the

information."

But in his letter to Mr Nelson, Mr Cahill said BTR was exercising its statutory rights as a shareholder to inspect the confidential information which had been sup-

plied to third parties. Mr Christopher Bull, BTR's financial director, last night said Mr Nelson had still not replied to the letter, or responded to BTR's phone calls.

capital expenditures, develop benefits and other programmes for its employees and enter new markets," he said. He added: "These limits will in turn lead to decreased

sales, decreased margins and decreased employment." Mr Cahill's comments add further to a bitter takeover fight in which Norton has attempted to raise public support against a takeover from a foreign firm.

Norton has a "poison pill" provision which would allow shareholders to acquire stock at half-price under certain circumstances, and BTR has already begun legal proceed-ings to block such moves.

A spokesman for Norton declined to comment on BTR's claimed 64 per cent

by debt, which will raise its

Five-year terms for directors urged

ONE of the lawyers helping Norton fight BTR is calling for directors to be given the right to stay on their boards for at least five years.

Mr Marty Lipton, of Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen and Katz, which is helping Norton defend the BTR bid, says directors should be guaranteed a five-year term and that they should be judged on the basis of their firm's past record and its plans for the next five years.

This would prevent pred-ators voting directors off the board during takeover battles. One of BTR's options at the meeting is to use proxy votes to oust directors and take control of the company.

With the downturn in the junk bond market and a more conservative attitude by banks to leveraged takeovers, US corporate raiders are increasingly turning to proxy fights to control of companies. The US pension fund industry is also seeking more control over management through a streamlined proxy process.

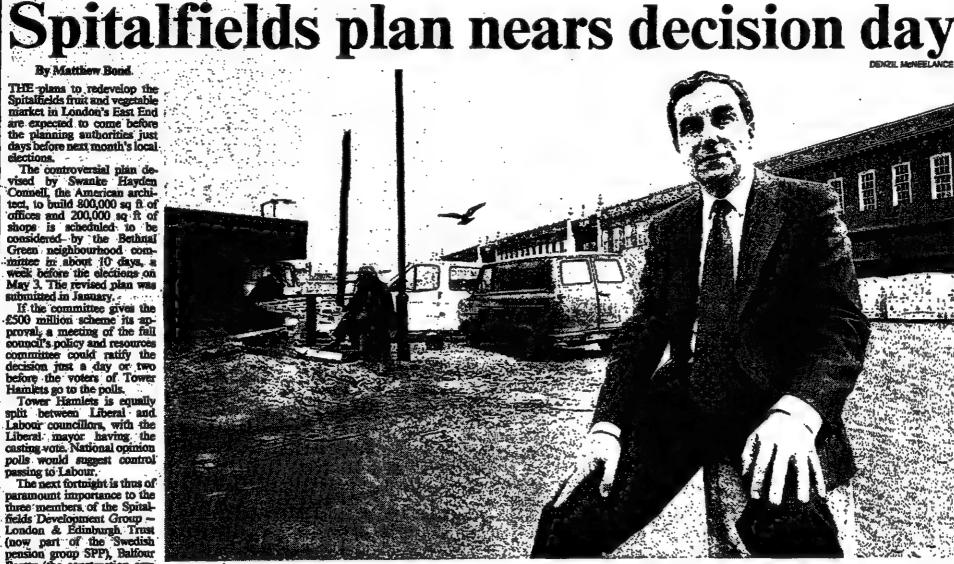
In the wake of the takeover troducing anti-takeover laws to help their home companies. Mr Lipton told clients that the present system of corpor-ate governance "stems from the days when shareholders were real owners, not transitory professional investors; when there were no tender offers, no risk arbitrageurs, no junk bonds and no pressure on both corporate management and institutional investment managers to show ever better

quarterly performance." The process, he said, "lends itself to abuse by corporate raiders whose only objective is their own enrichment."

Mr Lipton said a five-year board term would mean a company's board could only be altered on the basis of its past record and its plans for the next five years. This "would assure that the directors perform their principal function of choosing competent managers and holding those managers to achieving their business plans.

"By preventing hostile takeovers between the five-year intervals the system would tions, particularly common stock mergers that avoid the undue leverage now plaguing American business.

The US Treasury Secretary, Mr Nicholas Brady, who sup-ports Mr Lipton's call for more long-term investment strategies, has acknowledged deficiencies in the US shareholder proxy system. His department is examining ways to encourage longer term investment and ways to open companies more to shareholder demands.



Man of vision: Brian Cheetham, chief executive of the Spitalfields Development Group, on some of the most expensive land outside the City

an additional partner, or additional partners. We would hope that SDG would operate as a completely independent property company and perhaps be floated in a few years."

If SDG does win approval it will end up paying about £120 million for the 12-acre site. Some £60 million is being spent on building a new fruit and vegetable market on a 32tile planning environment, which could also lead to the DoE making the decision. acre site at Temple Mills, while the remaining £60 million is the premium SDG will pay the City Corporation for a new 150-year lease once the present market closes, towards

ROLLS-ROYCE is more popular in the facility public. The roadshow has already

not inviolate.

If the scheme does obtain approval, Goldman Sachs, SDG's adviser, will be able to pursue its brief of finding a fourth manher of the conthe end of this year. At £10 million an acre, the Spitalfields land is some of the most expensive to be found outside the central City core. fourth member of the con-sortium. "Each stage we get through, we eliminate another SDG intends to build 118 flats and houses for local layer of risk," Mr Cheetham. housing authorities, including said. "It is the intention at the some units designed for famappropriate stage to bring in ilies of 12-14. Designed by

house will raise a new standard for social housing.

But it is the scale of the commercial development the seven office buildings and the shopping galleria designed by Senor Santiago Calatrava, the Spanish architect - that has prompted most controversy and on which attention

elopment is vital, if SDG is to pay for the new market, the social housing, and the open spaces. Not forgetting, he says, two new theatres, a £5 million erant to a Community trust and a £750,000 commitment to training. Adding in the land cost, the total value of SDG's planning gain package approaches £100 million.

Tower Hamlet's devolved structure, whereby a a nine-

R-R investors to come out of the closet

By David Brewerton

stimulated demand for Rolls-Royce

shares, with turnover this week greater

than for some time. At present there are

no plans for a US listing, although if a local listing is required to stimulate demand Rolls-Royce is ready to seek

American financial institutions have an average of only 3 per cent of their

funds invested overseas, and Rolls-Royce is hoping that the strong demand for civil aircraft across the world will

prompt them to invest in the only major

since they were floated just before the October 1987 crash, and a number of

overseas investors were soured towards

the company by being forced, under the articles of association, to sell their

holdings after the market collapse.

The shares have been a poor performer

engine builder outside the US.

Colquhoun, Miller & Part-ners, Mr Cheetham hopes the mines a scheme, emphasizes since the passing of the Greater London Council.

Within a stone's throw of Spitalfields are two other sites, the Bishopsgate goods yard and the Brick Lane Brewery (LET has interests in both) which together offer more than 20 acres for development. Would the three sepa-Mr Cheetham says the rate schemes not benefit from amount of commercial dev- a spot of old-fashioned town planning that reflect the needs not just of the immediate community but also the needs of London as a whole? Mr Cheetham would not disagree.

> "I regret the passing of the the GLC in planning terms. There is no one left to take a broader view of planning matters. It was an extra stage one had to get through, but I found it to be a helpful stage most of

US roadshows reveal hidden support for aero-engine maker

The company is now attempting to

take advantage of the increase in the

level of permitted foreign shareholdings from 15 per cent to 29.5 per cent agreed

last year, which has had a very limited

impact on the actual level of overseas

holdings, which remains below 16 per

The America roadshow is to be

Rolls-Royce's annual report is now

going out to the company's 800,000

shareholders, and Lord Tombs, the

chairman, declares that prospects for the

The company, the smallest of the "big

three" aero-engine makers, is deter-

mined to keep a strong balance sheet

and at the end of 1989 there was net cash

in the group balance sheet of more that

followed by presentations across Europe

and in Japan later this year.

calarged group are encouraging.

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US factory prices in surprise decline

By Colin Narbrough

THE US producer price index. which measures inflation at the wholesale level, fell by 0.2 per cent last month - its first drop for seven months. In February, it was unchanged.

The PPI, which is monitored as a guide to future consumer price inflation, jumped by a record 1.8 per cent in January, boosting the first-quarter rise to an annual rate of 6.7 per cent, compared with 4.4 per cent for the past

The unexpected fall in March was led by declines in food and energy prices. Excluding these, the index rose by 0.3 per cent after a rise of 0.4 per cent in February. Financial markets were mainly closed yesterday.

• In Japan, there appears to be no increase in inflationary pressure, despite the 3.5 per cent jump in wholesale prices in the financial year to March - the highest for five years (Reuter reports from Tokyo). Economists attributed the

rise in wholesale prices mainly to the introduction of a 3 per cent consumption tax last April and the weaker yen. The 0.1 per cent rise in March domestic wholesale

prices is seen as confirmation

that inflation is not increasing

significantly. Overall, wholesale prices showed a 0.7 per cent



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Hong Kong trade hit by Chinese clampdown

From Lule Yu, Hong Kong

Kong's industries, weakening manufacturers' order books and slashing export revenues.

Latest trade statistics for January show a dramatic plunge in exports - 42 per cent for electrical appliances. 29 per cent for metal products, 26 per cent for footwear and 21 per cent for textiles.

These are some of the most important industries in the colony, but have been declining since China widened an austerity programme which squeezed imports and spending last year.

Partly as a result of reduced demand from across the border, Hong Kong's domestic exports fell 5 per cent from a year ago, while re-exports grew 1 per cent. Imports decreased by 7 per cent. In value terms, domestic

exports rose 2 per cent in January, re-exports 5 per cent and imports 3 per cent.

Among Hong Kong-made products which showed significant increases in export volume were watches and clocks, and clothing, both of which rose 6 per cent.

account for 30 per cent of exports using Hong Kong as a transit centre, fell 23 per cent origin were up 28 per cent.

exports fell 23 per cent and product.

DRASTIC cutbacks in China raw materials and semi-manuhave been biting into Hong factured goods 18 per cent.

Hong Kong's leading ship-ping lines have seen a 20 to 40 per cent drop in cargo volume in the first quarter of the year. The downturn was mainly a result of the drop in cargo movement to China, a spokesman for the Oriental Overseas Container Line said.

"Since June last year cargo movement has been slack. This is, I think, a direct result China's austerity programme."

Meanwhile, Hong Kong's flagging economy continues to face strong pressure from steep increases in wages, costs

Inflation averaged 10 per cent in 1989 and is expected to level off at 8.5 per cent this year, but the government has proposed pay rises of 15 per cent for Hong Kong's 186,000strong civil service. The move, which will spark higher pay increases in the

private sector, is bound to push up inflation. ChinTung Research, the stock research arm of Standard Chartered Bank, is forecasting a 7 per cent annual Re-exports to China, which rate of inflation for 1990, with an economic growth rate of

4.8 per cent in real terms. This is more optimistic than while re-exports of Chinese Sir Piers Jacobs, the Financial Secretary, who forecast a 3 per The volume of foodstuff re- cent growth for gross domestic

Charter nets £9m from sale of MKR offshoot

By Colin Campbell

CHARTER Consolidated will ation, but retains property rean £9.25 million cash from with a market value of £2 the sale of its MKR Holdings million which will be sold. subsidiary to IML MKR, a Other recent disposals inmanufacturer of products for

clude its majority share-holding in Beralt Tin & the licensed, catering and hotel trades, was put up for Wolfram and a block of 2.74 sale last month in a further million Minorco shares for move by Charter to con-£27.7 million. Charter plans to centrate on its core activities. sell its remaining 3.67 million Charter has also sold Morshares in Minorco which, at gan Furniture to its manage-ment for a nominal consider-£35.3 million.



community awaits its annual report. Proventus takes corporate design seriously. Its 1988 report, on the theme of time, featured a digital clock on the front while photographs of its executives did not have faces, just hands and wrist watches.

Swedes bide their time

European shopping trip. A fourth largest bank, is one of month ago he was made chief the leaders in the charge. It has executive of Proventus Inter- already taken a 10 per cent national and given a sump- stake in Nouvelles Galleries; tuous office overlooking Stockholm's opera house (Neil Bennett writes from Stockholm).

His job — to take Skr1.1 billion (£110 million) and spend it on a foreign company, preferably British or German. Now the former head of international research at JP Morgan in London is combing Continental equity markets for likely purchases.

Ever since the Swedish government lifted foreign investment restrictions last July, the country's leading industrial and investment companies have been scrambling to stake their claim abroad. Proventus, an investment

holding company which con-

MR HANS Danielsson is on a trols Gotabank, Sweden's Proventus, with Mr Peter European shopping trip. A fourth largest bank, is one of Gyllenhammar, another Swethe French stores group.

It disposed of most of the operating assets of Datatronic. its 70 per cent-owned com-puter company. Datatronic then changed its name to Proventus International and started looking for a new business outside Scandinavia.

This is where Mr Danielsson comes in. The £110 million cash pile with borrowing facilities and the opportunity for a rights issue gives him funds of more than £300 million. He is looking for underperforming, well asset-backed companies in basic industries. And he is only interested in management control. He may have already found a candidate in Coloroll.

Gyllenhammar, another Swedish investor, has taken a 5 per cent stake in the home furnishings group. Mr Danielsson, however, refuses to be drawn on his intentions.

"Maybe we will find something tomorrow," he says. "Maybe we have found something already that I can't talk about. We may be thwarted and it will take us a couple of quarters to do something. With interest rates at this level it will have to be a very good case to reward us for our risk."

A bid for Coloroll would fit with Proventus's past. Its first takeover after it was taken over by Mr Robert Weil, Mr Michael Kamzes and Mr Ga-briel Urwitz, 10 years ago was Uppsala. This included GAB, a cutlery maker, and Kosta Boda glassware, businesses which they turned around.

Further share sales expected as worries hang over Elders

From David Tweed, Sydney

break Last week the com- do." pany, which is pushing through plans for a £366 two-year low of Aus\$1.80

Market concern about the future of Elders has affected several other companies with links to the maker of Foster's lager, including Broken Hill Proprietary, Australia's largest group, which has a £400 million investment in Elders' leading shareholder, Harlin.

Last week Mr John Elliott, Elders executive chairman, in a major speech to the Securities Institute of Australia, blamed "short-term investment attitudes" and "ill-informed media comment" for the share slide. And he hinted that key asset sales - crucial to the reconstruction of Elders as

mained concerned about the future role of Harlin, the controversial vehicle used by Elliott and fellow executives to obtain control of Elders, and about the possibility that the GrandMet deal could collapse on the intervention of the UK Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

Mr Victor Shvetts, analyst with Baring Securities, said: "It's only talk. But there are undoubtedly market fears that the deal could be referred and that it could be knocked down." This would be a major setback for Mr Elliott and Elders, which has already been disappointed by GrandMet's decision not to buy into the Australian company, thus relieving the cash pressure on

Investors are also concerned, says Mr Shvetts, that the disentanglement and sale

SHARES in Elders IXL, the "There's also a cyclical ele-Australian brewing-to-bank- ment. As the share price ing group, are expected to slides, the equity base discome under pressure again appears and people begin when stock markets open on wondering what will happen Tuesday after the Easter next and what the banks will

This weekend Mr Elliott declined to add to his earlier million pubs swap with Grand comments on the future of Metropolitan, was hit by re-Metropolitan, was hit by re-peated waves of selling and default — that's all there is to the share price slumped to a it," he said. However, he did offer some consfort on the future of the pube swap, saying a preliminary meeting with the British authorities on Monday to discuss the deal had gone well.

Despite his brave talk, the last few weeks have gone badly for Mr Ellion, who now appears to be encountering the same difficulties as other bigname Australian entrepreneurs of the 1980s.

His three big interests have always been business, politics and sport. On the business front, the problems now facing Elders and Hartin, which has estimated debts of some £900 million, are now so great that commentators are suggesting a single-stream brewing business — were nearing completion.

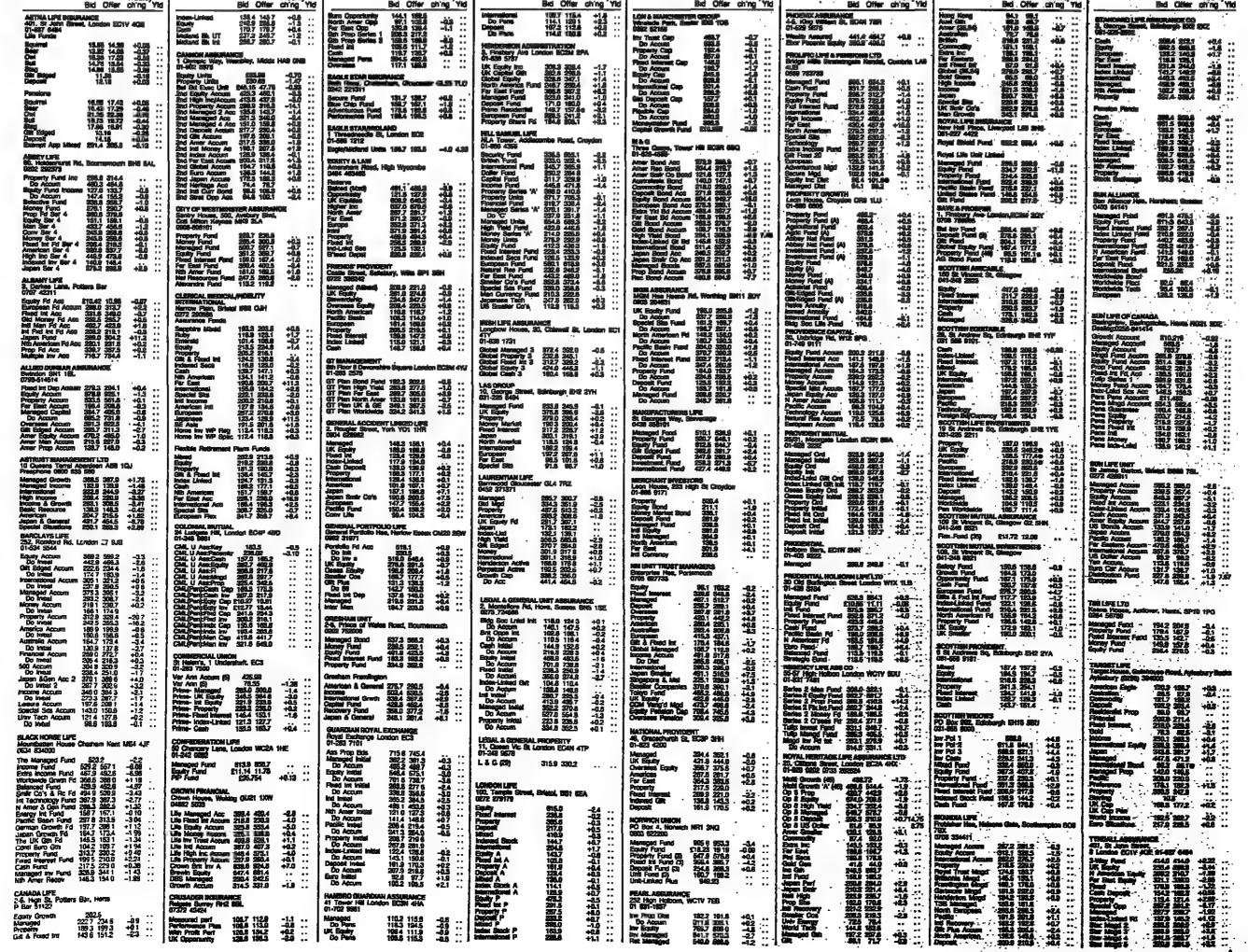
However, investors removal of Mr Eliout altogether or the sale of the company's main Melbourne brewery, Carlton United, to the American group Anheuser-Busch.

In politics, Mr Elliott is no longer spoken of as a possible Prime Minister. Following the recent Federal election success of the Labour party, Mr Elliott has said he will stand down as president of the Liberal Party. Meanwhile, his beloved Carlton football team has started the new season with two disestrons defents.

inevitably, comparisons are being drawn between Mr Elhott and Mr Alan Bond, who several months after his business obstuary was penned is still bestling through courts and market-place for financial survival.

Mr Shvetts says, however, it would be wrong to write Elders off. "We're not looking of Elders' Resources and Fi- at a gaping hole here. This is nance assets may take longer not a company full of paper than envisaged, delaying the and no substance. It is a second capital repayment. company of real value."

UNIT-LINKED INSURANCE INVESTMENTS



Bridge offers light at the end of the tunnel

MOTORISTS queuing for a slow getaway out of London this bank holiday weekend can take heart - help is at hand, at least on the notorious M25 Thames crossing at Dartford.

But the bad news is that the £86 million Dartford Bridge will probably not arrive before the next Easter holiday. It is scheduled to open next summer.

Mr Dick Gillespie, piotured right, had a bird's eye view of the traffic jams building up before the bank holiday as he surveyed work completed on the bridge so.

He is managing director of Dartford River Crossing, a company which is 49 per cent-owned by Traingar House, two of whose subsid-jaries are building the bridge. The rest is held equally by Kleinwort Benson, Bank of

America and the Productial. Since 1988 the company has also operated the two tunnels that cross the Thiones at Dartford.

When the first-opened in 1963 just 4 million cars a year crossed the river there: traffic densities now are 30 million and climbing.

The bridge, which with the djoining viaduct will run for 2.8 kilometres, will take up a total of 19,000 tonnes of structural steel.

It will provide a four-lane crossing to soak up some of the excess traffic which is causing congestion in the monels

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High winds carlier this year pushed the construction programme a couple of weeks off course, and the builders are now striving to make this up.

The company is confident the bridge will be open by next summer but is wary of setting an exact date.

"So much depends on the weather," says Mr Gillespie.



Japanese banks are wary of **UAL** deal

Tokyo JAPANENE banks will scrutibryout pian for UAL, the parent of United Airlines, before committing themselves if they are formally asked to belp fund the \$4.4 billion deal,

Japanese institutions would be particularly cautious because a previous \$6.8 bil-tion management-led bid for the US company collapsed in October, Japanese banks' reluctance to provide financing was largely blamed for the failure.

The sources said Japanese banks are now waiting for details on the financing of the agreement between the UAL board and the unions earlier this week to sell the firm to its

unions for \$4.4 billion. The unions have formed a company called United Employee Acquisition Corp to act

as the vehicle for the buyout. The sources said the climate for leveraged buyouts has become increasingly unfavourable following the near-collapse of the junk bond

"There's a lot of uncertainty surrounding the future of the US airline industry, and the UAL deal should therefore need a solid financing scheme," said one source. He added that if the UAL deal was too highly leveraged, it might fail again.

Under the agreement, each UAL share would be exchanged for \$155 in cash, \$35 worth of high-yield securities and \$11 worth of stock in a

Hilton Hotels remains on the auction block

From Philip Robinson, Los Angeles

halved in a takeover frenzy

still on the market and the and the famous Waldorf-company admits it has not Astoria in New York — is closed the door completely on

Mr Roy Judge, a company spokesman, said: "We have a fiduciary duty to maximize shareholder value and if someone comes along with an offer we would be legally

bound to look at it. "We have not completely closed the door, although it is now business an usual and we are getting on with running it as an independent concern." Speculation of a bid last February sent the Hilton share

last year, is still up for sale; finenced or owned by Mr would take 15 years for earndespite management announcements that the international group was being taken off the auction block when it failed to

At last night's price the At last night's price the about maximizing sharereach its reserve price last entire company - the twelfth

Industry analysts say it is the world, with 280 US hotels worth \$2.43 billion. The Hilton takeover be-

came a casualty of the stock

two bidders are still there: Northwest Airlines, led by Mr. Alfred Checchi, former Marriott Hotels executive, with Mr \$200,000 a game. Gary Wilson, former Walt Disney finance director, and JMB Realty, the Chicago property concern, which owns the British Randsworth Trust. Mr Michael Mueller, senior

HILTON Hotels, the shares of eight months, valuing the Securities, a San Francisco which doubled and then company at almost \$6 billion. stockbroker, said: "I believe halved in a takeover frenzy. The 34 per cent stake in- they are still up for sale. It ings to justify a share price at twice the current levels and they are continually talking holder value.

going to achieve that in the short term is through a takeover. It may not come this year, but it will come within

the next two," he added. Hilton profits last year were market fall, and the collapse of the junk bond market.

Industry sources believe the two bidders are still there:

hit by refurbishing some ho-tels and being bad Baccarat players, a game which attracts high rollers, to its Las Vegas casino, who are prepared to drop between \$100,000 and

Last year the gamblers won. Net income from its four casinos in the first quarter, was the highest in its history. Gaming profits pushed group income up 93 per cent in the price from \$50 to a \$115.50 in hotels analyst at Montgomery first quarter to \$25.1 million.

East Germany may offer deal

By Colin Narbrough, Economics Correspondent

Prime Minister, has signalled that East Berlin is ready to compromise on a key aspect of Germany.

German central bank, de-manded that ostmarks should at the rate of two-for-one,

A CLOSE adviser to Herr from key members of the salaries and social security Lothar de Maiziere, East Bonn cabinet and politicians Germany's first freely elected in East Berlin, who saw twofor-one as going back on pledges by West Germany.

But Herr Elmar Pieroth, a monetary union with West West Berlin politician who is Herr de Maizière's economic The Bundesbank, the West adviser, has said that Jerman central bank, demanded that ostmarks should rates "could operate when the be converted to Deutschmarks Deutschmark replaces the

cock in a except for a limited amount of savings converted at one-for-one would (Reuter) one. This provoked protest it should be one-for-one for

Cutting the East German salaries in half was not possible because the difference between East and West Germany would be too big. He endorsed Bonn's view that monetary union must be implemented on July 1.

immediately after Easter.

Chancellor Helmut Kohl is pressing for an agreement with East Germany by May. resolve outstanding issues

Mood of confidence follows election in Greece

Meteoric week for Athens exchange

government after months of indecision with meteoric rises this week.

The General Index jumped by 14.74 per cent on Monday to a record high of 771.04 in heavy trading, after the conservative New Democracy Party's victory in Sunday's elections. This was followed by a 6.6 per cent increase on Tuesday, before a drop of 3.5 per cent on Wednesday after profit-taking and a climb of 1.58 per cent on Thursday to a close of 807.22 ahead of the Easter weekend. Traders said advances had been across the board, although banking .

was the main beneficiary. Mr Constantine Mitsotakis, Greece's new Prime Minister, who was sworn in on Wednesday, has said that his conservative government will make sweeping changes aimed at puring the devastated economy back on its feet.

been "an explosion of prices and great interest from the start." One trader said New Democracy's victory signalled an The budget deficit in 1989 reached country and ensure the best entirely new era for the market. Traders \$12.5 billion, or 22 per cent of the gross

THE Athens Stock Exchange reflected said the market was anticipating a the hope of investors for a stable liberalization of the economy, and that state-run problem companies would be sold to the private sector.

Monday's volume was estimated at about Dr3 billion (£11 million), with some sources putting the figure nearer Dr3.6 billion, with similar volumes recorded on Tuesday and Wednesday. Over the past year anything over 1 billion was considered a big day. The market is expected to keep rising as economic reforms are introduced.

The government has said it plans to improve the economy by cutting state spending, streamlining the public sector, attracting foreign investment and encouraging private investment.

The European Commission recently gave warning that economic disaster loomed unless an austerity programme was put into effect.

Problems include a huge public deficit, Market analysts said that there had a booming black economy and an annual inflation rate of about 17 per cent, the highest in the European Community.

domestic product. The key jobs of managing recovery of the economy are held by Mr George Souflias, who has been behind the party's economic programme and will be in charge of the national economy, and by Mr Icannis Palaiokrassas, the Finance Minister, who has had long experience in economic

Mr Mitsotakis is known as a keen supporter of a free market economy and is expected to take a tough line on the country's deficit. However, he faces the difficulty of a slim one-seat majority, despite the fact that the percentage of votes held by his party is the highest of

any governing party in Europe. His decision to throw his support behind Mr Constantine Karamanlis the former Prime Minister and President who in 1974 oversaw the restoraton of democracy after seven years of military dictatorship, and who agreed to come out of retirement and serve as Greek President - shows he is ready to take every step to restore the image of the country and ensure the best possible

Faith, hope, but not an abundance of charity

he saying of the week is down to Sir Trevor Holdsworth, president of the Confederation of British Industry. "Either the country slides back to where it was in the 1970s, or they take some action."

It is "they" - the Government - which is responsible for recession. The same "they" that restored transgement's freedom to manage through abolishing foreign exchange, price and credit controls and curbing the worst excesses of trade union power,

The same "they" that gave management the financial incentive to manage with share options, profit-related bonuses, and lower taxes. The same they" that created the longest sustained economic boom in living memory and thus the opportunity to plan for and sell into an expanding market

You might think that industry would feel some responsibility for keeping the show on the road. Not a bit. John Banham, director-general of the same Confederation of British Whingers, wailed that British industry, well as it had done, was investing 40 per cent less than West German industry and 30 per cent less than French industry. Personally I blame the Germans and the French for taking the long view of Europe and investing too much.

The CBI attracts small congrega-tions. Texts such as "Self-help is for the ungodly" and "It is my brother's fault not mine own" make tedious sermons. Robin Leigh-Pemberton belongs to another and wiser ministry, though one equally prone to error.

When the Governor of the Bank of England spoke in Durham to the text "Put not all thy faith in the judgement of scribes" he did have the grace to share responsibility for what has gone wrong with the UK economy with former City editor and ex-Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson. At the same time he called into question parts of the foundation on which the British "economic miracle" of the 1980s was built.

Inferior statistics, poor economic intelligence, runaway consumer spending (spurred by unrestricted credit, huge rises in house prices, a weak pound) and the cardinal sin cutting interest rates in the first half of 1988. With inflation at 8.1 per cent in March the Governor, like Sir Trevor, might easily have said that they (or in his case "we") had to take some action or it will be back to the 1970s.

It is rare for the Governor, even when he has thought to don his sack cloth and ashes before opening his mouth, to make outspoken criticisms of official policy. Talk of an "independent" central bank is in the air and he may have decided to raise the temperature of the debate. His timing was right in that context, though I detect



tittle enthusiasm in Downing Street for a British Bundesbank. Nevertheless it is surprising to see him putting the boot in, however elegantly, when the Government is writhing on the floor, struck by inflation and beaten about the head by its own supporters.

My own view, which I have expressed before in this column, is that Mr Leigh-Pemberton will not complete his second five-year term. If I am wrong, and for once I would be happy to be wrong - against the odds he has made a very good fist of the job - and the Conservatives lose the general election, he would have the opportunity of serving a Labour government. As the honourable man he is, he believes he could do that as well as he has served Mrs Thatcher. He would not want the chance at her electoral expense, but if it were to happen he would have a kind of solace in demonstrating the sense of duty that is an integral part of his character.

Below the Governor's level, one section of the City is getting into a state of mental preparedness for a Labour government.

The Economist's poll of economists shows that of 77 respondents 51 per cent believe that Labour would be good for the economy, 12 per cent think it would make no difference and 37 per cent know it would be bad. Professors of economics who naturally lean toward the left were more enthusiastic ("good" 55 per cent, "no difference" 36 per cent) than the City scribblers. But they too are not so far behind ("good" 39 per cent, "no difference" 18 per cent). A small majority of City economists (55 per cent) are small majority of City economists (55 per cent). cent) would prefer John Smith in Number 11 Downing Street to John

If he won't change parties John Smith would obviously do Labour a tremendous favour if he replaced Neil Kinnock as Labour leader.

eaving aside the sagacious and

personable Smith, it is as well we are not governed by economists. City economists are either too young to have experienced anything worse than Mrs Thatcher, or they are bored with economic policy played on a one-tune instrument (interest rates); or they are both young and bored. Wouldn't it be fun to see what happens if the pendulum of power moved back toward organized labour, financial incentives were taken out of the system, public spending went up dramatically and the pound were

City market men - the doers as distinct from the thinkers - are older and more practical. They recall that the City has made more money under Labour governments than under

Conservatives. Gilt-edged dealers can hardly wait for the taps of government funding to be opened, while equity marketmakers can guarantee they will make a useful turn from renationalization of

"selected" privatized industries. The City has not yet decided that the Government will fall. The opinion poils make Tory backbenchers tremble; the local elections next month will be a Tory disaster, the rise in the retail price index for April will easily exceed 9 per cent and might in May hit 10. All this is understood and built into a price structure buffeted by external knocks, notably the weakness of the

Japanese stock market.
Yet the FT-SE index has not collapsed because if John Major is remotely right in his medium-term inflation forecasts and the economy is no worse than 1 per cent above the horizontal leading UK stocks are not expensive. Bearing in mind that about a half of all British company profits now come from overseas, in real terms they are rated below what they were in the trough of 1980.

omestic politics inevitably will have an increasing in-fluence on share prices. At its simplest the Government has three problems to resolve: 1. Sheer boredom with it, the young who have lived only under Thatcherism, the feeling that it is time for a change." 2. High interest rates, particularly high mortgage rates which are causing distress and forcing up the retail price index, 3. The Community Charge (poll tax).

There is not much the Tories can do about I and they need luck as much as good judgement for 2 to come right in the time available to them. With the poli tax they have various options, in addition to getting across to the chattering classes and likely beneficiaries the message that big rebates are

Taking education or fire services or the police out of local authority budgets and paying for them centrally is one - expensive, open to accusations of centralism, but at least paid for by those able to pay. Making the Community Charge tax-deductible is another. This would relieve the burden on youngish, fairly well paid, taxpayers with a mortgage. A Tory

As a student of these matters said to me yesterday, "We are down to the blue pig vote. Things can only get better. And there are still two years to

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Green audits could win over the environmental consumer

By Melinda Wittstock

could soon become de rigueur is an independent and detailed among British companies aiming to gain, or particularly, vironmental performance, renot to lose, market share in the face of growing consumer sions from sites, energy conpressure for a cleaner environ- servation, environmental inment and greener products.

After last year's groundbreaking move by Caird, the company goals. waste management group, to include an independent "environmental audit" in its annual report, green lobbyists. profes- lations after the US Environsors, accountants, consultants. Government officials and even industrialists have seized on green auditing as an important way for companies to clean up their acts.

Regular internal, but indecompany's compliance with existing environmental regulation, combined with the active monitoring of progress towards more environmen-tally-friendly products and procedures, would also allow companies to help set the green agenda rather than merely reacting to inevitable Government legislation.

"If industry doesn't start to self-regulate itself, Government will then set rules which will be less flexible and less practical," said Mr Brian Jenkins, head of auditing at Coopers & Lybrand Deloitte, the accountant, which is moving mental impact to effect new into environmental auditing.

"Environmental demanda are here to stay: businesses should make the most of them by pursuing real improvements rather than mere compliance with the rules," he said. Mr Jenkins said the envi-

ENVIRONMENTAL audits ronmental audit, a US import, assessment of a company's enviewing such issues as emisformation systems and management's record in fulfilling

Environmental audits - invented merely to assess compliance with government regumental Protection Agency discovered that the causes of non-compliance were due to management rather than technical failure — should go much further, Mr Jenkins said.

Companies could set goals, pendent, assessments of a for example, relating to the reduction of sulphur emissions, the design of more environ-mentally-friendly products or the creation of a more costeffective system of recycling paper. Progress would then be monitored by the auditor.

The auditor could also help companies set out an environmental policy, draw up plans for its implementation, set targets and monitor the result. Companies could also use

the procedure to review the life-cycle of its products from the sourcing of raw materials to the disposal of waste - assessing the environproduct policies.

But Mr Jenkins emphasized that any self-regulatory environmental auditing scheme must be carried out independently to add reliability and credibility to the process.



Publicity crucial: Tom Burke of the Green Alliance

need not make the results of was crucial that the results of an environmental audit public, showing initiative to both consumers and shareholders through publicizing changes made and targets met, could

But Mr Tom Burke, director Although he said companies of the Green Alliance, said it

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But the Mott MacDonald report noted sadly that most of its recommendations were

on the environment due soon. A spokesman for the Department of the Environsuch audits be made public. ment said the Government Caird, which publicized the would welcome company selfresults of its green audit, regulation through the envi-ronmental audit, but added found that several of its recently-acquired sites needed that there was still room for to be improved to meet new,

tougher regulations.

in Tokyo after light

By Our City Staff SHARE prices ended broadly

weaker in Tokyo after light index-linked selling, but they were well above the lows seen during the afternoon.

Low volume exaggerated the selling. The Nikkei index dropped by 409.28 points, or 1.38 per cent, to 29,213.92 more than eliminating Thursday's gain of 182.92. Turnover was only 320

million shares compared with 430 million on Thursday.

With other main stock mar-kets closed, Tokyo's move-ment made little impression Brokers reported a lack of

buyers rather than a flurry of Falls eclipsed rises by about ive to two with 672 lower, 263 nigher and 168 unchanged. Buying was tentative and

unfocused, with rises mainly

confined to some electrical and other scattered stocks. year progress in meeting those targets," said Mr Burke. The Nikkei, which ranged below Thursday's close all day, breached the 29,000 mark to stand 670 points lower in the late afternoon, before

recovering. Brokers saw little hope that ne market would climb out of its narrow trading range in the next few weeks, but many believe that shares reached their bottom for the shortterm when the Nikkei dipped to 27.251 last week.

The dollar was traded at about Y158.40 in the late afternoon, up from its opening of Y158.13, but brokers believe the stock market will remain unaffected - provided

Government to "provide a it stays below Y160.

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Japanese wage video games war in toy shops

By Our City Staff

BATTLE is raging in the toy shops for the booming video games market, estimated to be worth between £50 million to £80 million this year. And the two main contenders are

Nintendo, marketed by Serif Cowells, the USM company of Trivial Pursuit fame, and Sega, distributed by Virgin, are waging a sales war every bit as fierce as those fought on their hi-tech video

screens. The campaign could be a battle for survival for Serif Cowells. It reported pre-tax profits almost halved at £3.68 million this month and was forced to cut its total dividend from 6p to 3.5p.

Ironically, one of the contributory factors for the downturn was its Serif has decided instead to concentrate on Nintendo.

Nintendo, manufactured by the company of the same name, has achieved cult status in the US where it has taken more than 80 per cent of the electronic games market.

It has been on sale in Britain since

computer and video games company which last year doubled its turnover to almost £40 million, claims to have stolen a march on Nintendo with Sega, the electronic game from Sega Electronics of Tokyo. The company says it has built a "commanding lead in the

one in the EC market. And the fighting talk continues with Mr Richard Branson's claim: "The installed Sega hardware base throughout the EC is now close to three-quarters of a million pieces compared with Nintendo's total of about 350,000 and in Britain we

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hardware battle" in Europe where have sold more than 200,000 Segas success in marketing Trivial Pursuit 1987 but is now aiming to take at "twice as many Segas have been sold against 30,000 Nintendos." in Europe, where it has sold 3.5 million of the general knowledge games since 1985. It seems that TP's least 45 per cent of the British market this year, backed by a £10 He added that Virgin would also million marketing campaign. Virgin It adds that the lead over be spending more than £10 million popularity is on the wane and so Nintendo has reached nearly ten to on marketing in the coming year. Mastertronic, the Virgin group's THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE Weekly Bid Offer ohing Yid Bid Offer ofting Yid For Read 8 8 60.00 73.00 +0.70 0.76 Octo Gen 8 8 97.70 72.98 -0.77 4.39 Income 8 96.44 21.10 +1.3 0.70 May 59 804 40.27 61.30 10.00 NT BENGCH CHIT THEFT LTS with 2t Leadon SCS Tel: \$1-600 Bro Bel Opp 102.0 102.5 +0.25 Am Enurgi 40.54 44.69 -0.22 Hong Korig 40.54 42.59 -0.25 Jap Gropp 70.55 10.55 +4.56 Jap Gropp 10.55 10.55 +4.56 Jap Gropp 10.55 10.55 10.55 10.55 Jap Gropp 10.55 10.55 Jap Gropp 10.55 10.55 Jap Gropp 10.55 J PROBLETY HANGETHERNY SERVICES LTD Coldell Hosse, 138 Torbetter from PPODAL SEVESTIMENT PURD Landon NCEY SAG Tel: 01085.85 0 . 5.44 ET.J.STRI 100.0 14.55 MATTAIN PURD MANAGEME MARK Charms Short London CH-TAR TS. Chabbil Flows, 138 Troboting from the company of th INFOIGAL SHIT THUST Brissel WEZ CAM This \$800 25.57 23.270 -0.15 0.05 25.10 27.77 -0.25 0.07 38.88 39.03 +0.34 1.51 58.88 49.87 49 84.90 90.50 -6.37 3.00 107.1 114.2 +1.4 1.13 15.06 107.40 -0.35 8.45 181.5 183.50 -1.9 4.15 183.50 48.73 48.300+0.16 17.22 423.0 451.2 -2.8 8.55

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Edited by Lindsay Cook

Business trap

As many as 15.500 investors could be trapped in Business Expansion Schemes unable to take their money out after completing the five years of investment required for the tax breaks Page 24

Soliciting investments

Earning £20,000 a year for three-and-a-half hours' work selling investments is good business for solicitors. Some 10 per cent of solicitors have signed up for a joint venture between the Law Society and a financial firm....

Longer interest

The discounts on investment trusts are making them strong contenders in the income stakes, well able to compete with banks and building

State premiums

Pensioners attracted back to work by new job opportunities and the abolition of the earnings rule could do better by investing their state pension in a personal pension plan rather than relying on the state's top-up

Steaming ahead

Schoolboys of the 1930s and 1940s who collected anything connected with steam trains including even the tickets are now benefiting from a railway revival. High prices are being paid for items which evoke pleasant, if sooty,



Insurance watchdog backs more consumers

By Barbara Ellis IN 10 days, Dr Julian Farrand, the insurance ombudsman, will announce a near doubling in the percentage of decisions in favour of policyholders.

His report will show that almost four out of 10 cases have been settled in favour of complainants instead of two out of 10. The increase threatens to bring him into conflict with the insurance companies who voluntarily fund the ombudanun scheme.

Unlike his building society or banking equivalents, the insurance ombudsman clears his report with a council consisting mainly of consumer representatives and a board

For the past eight years, insurance companies have been used to the steady ratio of two out of 10 decisions in favour of consumers delivered by Mr James Haswell, the

former ombudsman. But Dr Farrand's first report will give closer to four out of 10 decisions to consumers, which has caused some unease among insurance companies, according to Mr Tim Crawley-Boevy, a council

"I suppose nobody enjoys having their decisions overturned," he said. However, Mr John Savage of the Prudential, who is deputy chairman of the board, attributed the shift in

changes in the law, citing a recent Court of Appeal decision against the Prudential involving belongings left locked in a car. "They decided that the standard of reasonable care required was substantially less than anyone in the industry had thought," he said. "Maybe we're a bit unhappy with the law."

Another likely point of contention is the ombudsman's declared view that companies should take responsibility for the actions of independent intermediaries as well as employees.

Shortly after his appointment last year, Dr Farrand said publicly that he thought companies should take

responsibility for the independent intermediaries selling their products as well as for employees, despite the fact that in law the independents are considered to be the agents of the people buying policies.

However, this view does not come across in Dr Farrand's report, according to the chairman of the ombudsman's board, Mr Tom Roberts, of General Accident.

"I certainly would not be happy with that, because it is seeking a change in the law as it is," he said. However, Mr Roberts denied that there had been any pressure on Dr Farrand to alter his view.

Dr Farrand also appears to be ruffling feathers by suggesting that a

plain English version of his terms of reference be published, since the unpublished terms are at some variance with the summary currently handed out to the public and used to fend off a number of complaints.

But Mir Roberts said: "You have to be careful to appreciate that if a plain English version were pub-lished the final decision would have to rest with the formal versions."

Dr Farrand refused to comment on his report to be published on April 24.

However, he confirmed that he would be showing different approaches from those of his predecessor, with more decisions in



Farrand: different track



Matters in hand: playtime at HFC's Chelmsford branch as the manager looks on

CHILDREN'S play areas have been set up in all the 168 branches of the HFC Bank after the children of customers were asked what toys they would like to play with (Lindsay Cook writes).

The bank linked up with the out the areas with play tables, chairs, colouring books, toy telephones, puzzles and toy farmyard animais.

To celebrate provision of the facilities, the bank, which services all day on Saturdays, customers in each branch.

"Many of our customers are families with small children, who can become easily bored while their mum or dad talks to us. So we developed the idea of play areas as a useful Early Learning Centre to kit distraction for kids while parents arrange their finances in peace," Mr Andrew Marchington, HFC's marketing director, said.

But the bank, which was founded in Britain, in 1973, opens for its full range of first as HFC Trust, and achieved full bank status in is today offering free Easter 1988, does not intend its

eggs to the first 150 children of 400,000 customers to use the play areas as crèches. "They are only for use while the

parents or other adults are in the bank conducting busi-ness," a spokesman said. The branches are in many towns or cities with a population of 100,000 or more.

The bank - a member of the Household International Group - offers a current account which pays 6 per cent interest on credit balances.

Its Savings Account Plus pays interest on a sliding scale from 6 per cent to 10.5 per

Banking on fun at the bank OFT signals an open policy on brokers revealing commissions

INVESTORS and homebuyers could be told in cash terms exactly what a broker earns for selling an insurance policy, following new recommendations announced this week by the Office of Fair Trading.
The OFT, in a submission

to the Department of Trade and Industry, called for full disclosure of insurance commissions to investors before they agree to take out a policy. But insurance companies, their tied agents and their direct sales force may still be allowed to hide the costs of

setting up a policy. On a £60,000 endowment mortgage taken out by a 30-year-old non-smoker, the broker could earn £1,200 in commission. On a £100,000 endowment taken out by a 40year-old the commission might be £2,200. On a £150,000 endowment policy

mission might reach £3,700. At present policyholders who buy through an indepen-dent adviser are informed in writing, along with the cancellation agreement, what percentage of each year's premiums are paid in commission. For

for a 45-year-old the com-

endowment policy this might be 33.3 per cent in year one; 33 per cent in years two and three; 8 per cent in year four and then 2.5 per cent.

Those who buy from tied gents or the employees of insurance companies will be told from July what effect the insurance company costs and charges will have on the investment yield, but will get no clear idea of the cost of setting up the policy.



ments Board, which introdutial disclosure, cantiously welcomed the OFT recommendations. Mr David Walker, the chairman, said he was in favour of "cash disclosure at the point of sale," but added it was debatable how fast this

might be achieved. The current regime, which only came into operation last sions by about a third.

It also persuaded a large number of independent financial advisers to become tied in order to earn even higher rates of commission and avoid telling clients anything about the commission they

The investment performance of a Standard Life or Legal & General policy will be or a tied agent, who is only allowed to sell the products of one company. The tied agent is also likely to have carned more commission. Some companies agreed to pay 60 per cent more to tied agents than they did under the maximum commission agreement which preceded the present system.

All the investors pay jointly for the higher commissions paid to tied agents unicss

But only independent brokers have to reveal in any form at all what they receive for selling a policy. The OFT has focused on

tion, which is eff-Independents argue that the

BRIGHT EMING benefits of investing in the outweigh the commission they care and that only independents can other products from the whole of the market.

For example someone who invested £30 a month in a Standard Life endowment for 25 years would now have £64,441. While an investor with a Sun Life endowment would have exactly £27,000

Sir Gordon Bowne, Director General of the OFT, argued that full disclosure will increase consuctition and force insurance companies to cut commission rates to persuade investors to opt for them.

The independent advisers fear that it will force more of them into the arms of insurance companies and tied

They argue that even if a regime is introduced which will require insurance companies to reveal how much it costs them to set up a policy there will still be room for companies to disguee these

At National Westmir Insurance Services Mr Ste managing director, said: "We do regard the current regime/ ex fair and resonable. Consumers do have an opportumity to see what percentage of mas we are earning.

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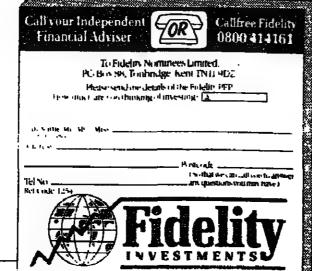
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Tony Hetherington finds an investment company that is not all it seems to be

A YIELD of 25 per cent on going, but when the investment company is, apparently, alarm bells begin to ring.

Operating from an address Management Ltd is holding out the prospect of mouth-

But trying to pin down the directors of Baskam as to exactly how they can manage to offer a product which must turn the High Street banks green with envy, was not easy. Baskam Investment Man-

accord Limited is a Manx

company, registered at 19 Peel Road, Douglas, It has, though, no real presence there, for this is the address of Aston Corporate Management Ltd. a company formation firm which, for a fee, will register its own staff as the shareholders and directors of a business, thus concealing the true identities of the owners and

The owners of Baskam according to declarations filed by Aston with the Manx government — are Miss Gillian Nora Caine and Mrs Susan Christine Cubbon. Both are also directors of the com-pany, together with Miss Management provides nomi-Sharon Dunn, a secretary at nee services as part of its Aston Corporate Manage company formation activ-

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ment, where all three work, ities," he said. Neither Aston. Miss Caine and Miss Dunn were both unavailable for any comment this week. However, Mrs Cubbon agreed that she is a director of, and shareholder in, Baskam Investment Management. She seemed unments it is offering.

Declining the offer of a free mention in The Times for her 25 per cent investment scheme, Mrs Cubboo insisted that she would not reveal details on the telephone. When it was pointed out that Mrs Cubbon is the company, or half of it anyway, she hung up.

The real explanation was left to the manager of Aston's agreed the three ladies might not be the true power behind

Supervision Commission,

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authority over British companies which operate overseas, soliciting funds from foreigners who believe they cause it is registered in Britain.

Life premiums fail to mirror optimistic outlook over Aids

AIDS scared insurance com- with very large sums assured. gloomy forecasts extrapolating experience in the United However, the monthly presented to 40 per cent and 50 mium for a non-smoking man per cent increases in premiums on term assurance, the 20 years will drop from £52.32

company forecasts and actuaries have become far more optimistic about the outlook.

But there has been no per month instead of £37.20

minms on term assurance. and 10 per cent at what is over 40s, who were considered considered the higher-risk, a lower-risk group.

younger-end of the market. Meanwhile, in an effort to drum up business from intermediaries starved of endowhousing market, GA has cut said. rates for older policyholders

panies more than almost any. Its term assurance premium other section of the population. In the summer of 1988, his life for £25,000 is to rise

cheapest form of life cover. to £48.90. A non-smoking Since then, Aids claims men of 49 insured for have consistently undershot £500,000 over five years will

matching rush to reduce pre- on a sum assured of £90,000. General Accident, which situation," said Mr Peter wrote about £1 billion worth Hales, sales manager of GA of term assurance policies last Life, conceding that most of year, has just increased pre- the bigger premium reducmiums by between 5 per cent tions were to be made for the

> "It is as much a case of us saying it costs more to write small policies, although the Aids situation is helping us to take a more positive view," he

At Zurich Life, which tris-

not planning to make any cuts in term assurance rates, claiming that it was already ex-tremely competitive for older

Zurich's premium for a non-smoking man of 49 with a five-year £500,000 policy is currently £179.10 - 10p below

that unlike General Accident, Zarrich sets reviewable miums, so that existing policyholders can gain the benefit of

any reduction in future. At the end of last year, Mr Graham Allan, Zurich's ac- policies mary, expressed cautious optimesm that the future de-velopments of Aids would working party on Aids, said turn out to be better than expected. He expected current favourable trends to continue and "in due course" to be

reflected in rates. "For existing policyholders,

Mr John Garner, of Nor reduce term assurance rates where the disease was had been exactly in line with

Mr Edwards pointed out Association of British Insurfor term assurance, but said that most companies had made moves to exclude Aidsrelated claims on non-life

> Mr Robin Michaelson, of working party on Aids, said that the disease was no longer seen as quite the immediate problem it had once seemed. because the number of claims coming through was lower than originally expected.

BRIEFINGS

up to 14.9 per cent before tax. The GA Cash Trust pays net income once a quarter, and allows non-taxpayers to claim tax back. There is an initial charge of 1.5 per cent and an annual management charge of 0.5 per cent. Most cash trusts do not have an initial charge. The minimum investment is £1,000, and money can be withdrawn without notice.

Regency and West of England Building Society has re-launched its Fixed Interest Bond, which pays 15.5 per cent before tax, guaranteed for a year. Interest will be paid after April 6, 1991, allowing non-taxpayers to draw gross proceeds or to claim tax back. The net rate for taxpayers is 11.62 per cent. Between £500 and £20,000 can be invested.

Savers with at least £50,000 to invest can use time deposits to gain gross interest without opening an account offshore. National & Provincial has started a dealing desk for customers who want to learn more on the subject. The dates from April 6. society also has an offshore account paying interest free of tax on £2,000 or more. A Gross Interest Bond is available to non-taxpayers with at least £20,000 to invest.

Robert White & Co, the investment trust specialist, is to halve the initial charge on its trust management service to 2.5 per cent from the end of customers as their cards come the month. The annual management charge remains 1 per cent. The firm tailors portfolios with income or capital growth in mind for investors with at least £40,000 to spare. Unit trusts may be included.

Coutts & Co has raised its cheque guarantee limits and introduced a credit card for customers. Two new cheques of up to £100 or of up to £250, are linked to the

■ GA Life has launched a £3,000 credit limit, free travel cash unit trust that will yield accident insurance, Air Miles of £100. An annual charge of £15 will be waived in the first year. The interest rate is 22.3 per cent APR.

> Pensioners are worse off now than 10 years ago, when pensions ceased to be linked to rises in average earnings, but claiming all the benefits to which has published a new edition of Your Rights for Pensioners. It includes a section on the poll tax. The guide is available from bookshops, or from Age Coucern at £1.95 including post & packing.

Employers will be able to pay more to staff who have to relocate for work reasons, following an Inland Revenue review. They will now be able to contribute up to £24,150 free of tax to the extra housing costs of an employee moved to a more expensive housing area. The amount was limited to £22,890. The new limit

Bank cards may soon guarantee £100 cheques as a matter of course, after the decision by Lloyds Bank to raise the limit on its bank payment card. The new £100 limit will be available to all customers, including students, and is not subject. to salary huntations. New

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A CREDIT card and savings account which will benefit the National Trust have been introduced by Midland Bank (writes Lindsay Cook).

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Midland Access customers can also benefit financially by transferring to the National Trust card because its annual interest rate is 3 per cent lower at 26.8 per cent. The charity, which preserves places

time the Visa card is used and 5p for each subsequent purchase.

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The Trust's 1.8 million members will

be invited directly to apply. But ap plicants do not have to be existing customers of Midland or members of the National Trust to benefit the charity. The bank is also sponsoring a coastal studies teachers' handbook published by the Trust. This will be used to teach environmental studies, geography and related subjects in the school curricul

Midland launched its first affinity card in May last year. The Artscard benefits 50 organizations ranging from the Royal Opera House to the Hull Truck Theatre

BES exit shocks in store

By Margaret Dibben

Glasgow Herald 13.1.90.

A case of older being wiser, perhaps.

MANY BES investors who think they have made a five-year commitment will receive a shock when the investment matures. Although they need to stay put for five years to obtain the tax relief, they might not be able to have their money when the five stay. money when the time is up.

Shareholders have no say in what action directors take at the end of the five-year period and they can find themselves completely locked in for an indefinite period.

Mr Anthony Yadgaroff, group managing director of Allenbridge Group, a cor porate finance house which specializes in small company research, has calculated the size of the problem.

He said:"I reckum there are about 15,500 investors who are stuck in the 1983/84/85 range. There were nearly 500 companies funded in those

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of deciding what to do next." They have several choices for exit routes. Mr Shann Parsons, a director of Pointon York, the BES sponsor, explained: "You can sell the assets and liquidate the company, sell the company so it is taken over by somebody else for cash or shares, or obtain a

Mr Yadgaroff added: "Going for a quote is the so far reached their fifth

hardest, unless the company is anniversary. The first scher very successful. Of the 340 companies, unless it is a trade sale, I cannot see what exit route there is, leaving shareholders in a difficult

· if the company has been successful and stays in business, investors may be able to company is only just surviv-ing, no-one will want to buy them although investors will be more anxious to get out once they have received their

Mr Yadgaroff gave one reason why shareholders might be stuck: "A lot of the directors of companies probably don't want to come out after five years. If you are running a business which is not doing too well but you are getting your director's fees and gement charges, you would be quite happy just to carry on."

Few BES companies have

started in tax year 1983/84 and many of them failed long before completing the five

Figures just released by Allenbridge Group, show that launched in 1983/84 littled losing investors £15.5 milio 20 per cent collapsed with a loss of £11.5 million. Since then there have been fewer investment is still high-risk.

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The move follows the publication of the board's consultative paper, Achieving and Judging Adequacy.

The paper's strongest proposition is that an "adequate" standard of protection must be at least as good as that

currently provided. A workable test of adequacy

is central to investor protection because it is the new criteria by which the SIB is to judge the sulebooks of the selfregulatory organizations (SROs). Previously, it was necessary for these ralebooks to be "equivalent" to the SIB's. This was changed last

year by amendments to the Financial Services Act. The lack of detailed proposals on how the new criteria

will be enforced has angered the Consumers' Association.

Miss Jane Vass, director of the association's money group, said: "We were con-

cemed then that there would be nothing solid to replace it (equivalence) and this document does nothing to reassure us - it gives no definition of adequacy as far as I can see,"

Consultative Paper 39 pro-poses that the SROs should be able to waive or modify the SIB's "core" rules in certain

This delegation of power, said Miss Vass, could result in inconsistencies between the SROs. Industry lobbies would become more influential and rules essential to investor protection might be dropped.



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The discount charm of investment trust yields

WITH banks and building societies paying interest rates of up to 15 per cent or more, it is easy to overlook other forms of income investment, such as investment trusts, which are currently offering yields of less than half that.

But investors seeking longterm income are taking a risk if they adopt this approach says Mr Robin Angus, invest-ment trust specialist at County NatWest Wood Mackenzie.

They are taking a double risk. First with their moone, which will inevitably go down over the next couple of years when interest rates drop, and second with their capital which is almost certainly going to be eroded by infla-tion," he said. He feels there is less risk in investment trusts.

"You can virtually rely on a growing income. Cuts in dividends almost never happen. And your investment will almost certainly be protected against inflation too through capital growth."

Over the past five years, investment trust dividends have consistently risen faster than inflation. Last year dividends on investment trusts rose by 19.8 per cent compared with 17 per-cent in-

crease on shares generally.

During 1990, WoodMac forecasts an increase of 10-12 per cent reflecting a slowdown. in dividend growth to 7-9 per cent, but still above the Chancellor's predicted inflation

rate of 7 per cent. WoodMac has forecast a rise of 22 per cent this year for Touche Remnant City of London, a British moome trust, yielding 6.1 per cent.

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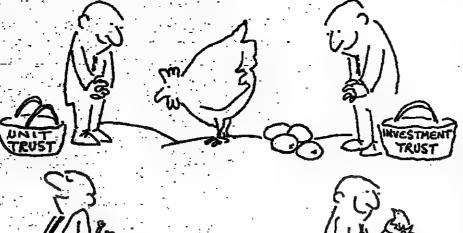
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British Assets, an internat- an income withdrawal facility. ional income trust, with a yield of 7.1 per cent, is expected to make 15 per cent. One of the attractions of investment trusts is that as investment trusts is that as most trade at a discount you actually pay less than the full cost of the underlying shares. Despite this, you receive dividends on the full value. So if it is at a 15 per cent discount you pay £85 for £100 of dividendations wing shares. But capital

paying shares. But capital growth of your investment will depend on a rise in the investment trust's chare price. Today it is possible to get income from an investment trust totally tax-free by investing via a Personal Equity Plan, though not all managers offer

Ivory & Sime has just an-nounced that its 1990-91 Peps will provide for income withdrawals that can be paid direct to investors' bunks. Investors can choose be-

tween the company's three-income trusts, British Assets, Investors Capital and Ivory & Sime Optimum Income, each of which pay income quarterly. It hopes to introduce a monthly income Pep in July.

Ivory & Sime Optimum
Income which offers the highest yield of all the trusts: 8.9 per cent, is one of the new generation of split-level investment trusts. Instead of just offering ordinary shares, this type of trust has a number

of different classes of shares which provide different types of returns. They also have a fixed date when the trust will be wound up. When split-level trusts were first introduced in the 1960s,

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There were income shares which received all the income from the trust but none of the capital growth and capital shares which received all the capital growth but no income. In recent years, however, other types of shares have

they had just two classes of

With Ivory & Sime Op-timum Income, for example, the split is into zero-preference shares, they have a

stead. All the income goes to ordinary shareholders, but growth must be at least 6 per cent a year to ensure they

receive a return of capital. If it

exceeds this amount they will enjoy a capital gain. Mr John Szymanowski investment trust analyst at Warburgs, believes split-level trusts are ideal for income investors. "They enable the investor to cherry-pick and to achieve whatever mix of income and capital growth he or

For a balanced approach, he recommends a combination of General Consolidated income shares which yield 12.1 per cent and M&G 2nd Dual Capital shares which are currently selling on a 33 per cent discount to the value of its underlying investments. "So even if the stock market does not move, investors will enjoy a capital gain," he explained.
"An even lower risk approach on the capital side would be to zero preference shares such as Ivory & Sime Optimum Income zero-preference shares. All three trusts are due to be wound up in December 1997.

Income unit trusts showed in average total return of 116.9 per cent in the five years to April 1, says Micropal. Corresponding investment trusts rose 139 per cent.

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Popular Peps near £1.5bn

investments in the financial year was roughly double the £750 million invested in the lion, said Mrs Nitya Bolam, a research analyst.

"Many of the smaller Pep managers have not yet completed their returns. But it is trust only plans to £2,400. clear that the popularity of Peps in the last three months groups offering Pep plans. has been much greater than expected," she said. The sur- were not available for the full folios as a result of the change.

Investment in personal equity vey shows about 60 per cent of year. Allied Dunbar has sold plans in the financial year to the money was raised by 6 per £41 million of Peps since it April 5 totalled almost £1.5 cent of the plan managers. launched in December makbillion says a survey from Best MIM Britiannia has the high-Pep Advice, the research est total at £190 million. since then. Marks and Spengroup, (writes Lindsay Cook). LLoyds Bank and Midland cer, which offered its first Peps Take-up of the tax-free Bank are next with £128

million and £105 million. There were many new plans launched following last year's calendar year at £1,476 mil- Budget, which scrapped the qualifying period for tax exemption in Peps and increased the investment limit for unit trust and investment This led to most unit trust

Many of these new plans

ing it the third largest issuer in October has sold £40 million, says Best Pep Advice.

In this year's Budget moreunit trusts and investment trusts were made available to Pep investors by the reduction of the UK investment limit to 50 per cent to qualify for £3,000 investment. Fidelity announced this week that it will now offer Pep investors a choice of international and income port-



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By Berbara Ellis

SOLICITORS have just spent £70,000 on advertising them-solves as financial advisers and may well continue the gn once they have campaign oace they judged its effectiveness.

What lawyers can gain from deeper involvement in finan-cial services is clear. A delight-ed Home Counties solicitor recently told The Lawyer masazine that with just 31/2 hours' advice, she had added nearly £20,000 a year to the income of her three-partner firm.

The advantages to clients in choosing a solicitor as financial adviser are less apparent and may be watered down by some of the lawyers own advisory operations.

The Law Society can auth-

orize solicitors to do invest-ment business, provided it accounts for no more than 20 per cent of gross income. Acknowledging that solic-

iters have no specific training in investment, Mr Walter Merricks, of the Law Society, said that they neverthele gained a much experience by vatching investment busine being done, perhaps as advisers to trustees or through

"You don't have to have any formal training to become an investment adviser of any sort." he said.

For some years, solicitors have been able to point to two distinct advantages that they have over other financial advisers their approach to commission and their extensive compensation scheme.
Under professional rules commission that an insurance

body pays to a solicitor must be paid over to the client or set against his legal fees. "We think clients are more likely to be happy that the advice they are getting is disinterested and that they are not being oversold - something which is always a danger with a commission-based sys-

company or an investment

tem," Mr Merricks said. The compensation fund runby the Law Society will pay out if a solicitor fails to account for money or loses someone's money through dishonesty. Unlike the Investors' Compensation Scheme

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£48,000 ceiling, which can be lowered if claims mount up.
However, the commission and compensation advantages and compensation advantages appear to have been trimmed in the Law Society's joint venture with Sedgwick Per-sonal Financial Management, named Solicitors Financial

and Property Services.
Some 655 of the Society's

enting 4,500 solicitors out of 45,000. They pay between £315 and £1,125 a year, depending on the size of the firm, for access to financial advice from Sedgwick.

The solicitor fills in a ques-tionnaire with the client and passes it to Sedgwick. If the group sends written recommendations that are followed, it splits any commission 30/70 with the solicitor. If a local wick consultant is called the split is 50/50.

Mr Nick Turner, of SFPS, said that a client would get back only the commiss paid to the solicitor - 50 per cent or 70 per cent.

The arrangement with Sedgwick means solicitors do business as a permitted third party' and are absolved from many of the compliance rules under the Financial Services Act," he said, noting that the solicitors' task would be reduced to form-filling.

Aithough the solicitors pass the business to Sedgwick, the investment agreement is between Sedgwick and the client. The group has professional indemnity insurance and is covered by the Investors' Compensation Scheme, but not by the solicitors' compen-

Mr Turner said compens ation cover was a difficult issue depending on the extent of any negligence and compli-8,000 member firms have cated by the fact that agree-signed up with SFPS, repres- ments were with Sedgwick.

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When it pays to buy one pension with another

Janet Walford on the options for those who carry on working after

their normal retirement age

ONE OF the biggest changes pension. The maximum in work patterns seen for contribution which can be decades is likely to occur in paid into a personal pension the 1990s, as many more people continue to work after cent to 40 per cent of gross state pension age.

Many more over-60s are Act. being tempted back to work, and may even be considering putting their extra income to work for their old age.

If they are lucky the new job into the company pension scheme, but if it does not they can contribute to a personal deferred for up to a maximum

was increased from 27.5 per income in the 1989 Finance

Until the earnings rule was abolished, most people reaching state pension age with an earned income had a straight choice - either carry on will allow very late entrants working or draw the state pension, but not both. The state pension can be

of five years to age 70 for men



or age 65 for women. If it is over and above inflation for deferred, it will be increased in each year of deferral. each year of deferral.

pension, however, many older may achieve a better result by drawing the state pension and investing the equivalent amount in a personal pension for five years.

One advantage of this ap-proach is that it does not have to cost a penny — the contributions can be met out of the state pension which would otherwise have been deferred. The performance of a personal pension should exceed the increases given by the state, and finally a tax advantage can be achieved.

However, this scheme only costs nothing if the individual can afford to defer the state

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of a tax-free return on the still working. They should aim personal pension, there are to bring total income under better to draw the state penadditional tax advantages. year. This is the level at which The ability to take tax-free the higher personal allowances cash from a personal pension for OAPs is cut back. converts taxed income into a Since the effective tax rate tax-free benefit.

The age allowance provides another good reason for a man 37.5 per cent there is clearly a carnings cease or woman over 65 to reinvest income into a pension while pensioners to reduce their Management

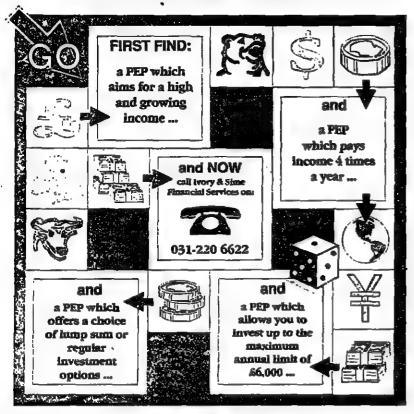
Peter Brown meets some heavy metal railway fans

view of the short-term nature of such pension policies, equity investment through a unit trust or unit-linked plan may not be suitable. A personal pension with a short-term fixed interest or money fund could be ideal.

The table shows the income an OAP might receive each year from age 65 onwards resulting from three different options. The table makes it clear that it is significantly £12,300 for the current tax sion and reinvest it rather than defer it for five years. If the state pension is taken at the earliest possible age then net income will reduce to on earnings over this level is approximately one third when

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Steaming into profit

A RAILWAY revival has meant that train-spotting schoolboys of the 1930s and 1940s may have a small fortune in memorabilia tucked away in the attic.

Over the years as steam has given way to more modern traction and the pre-nationalized companies have faded into history, items of railway memorabilia have become more valuable.

A world record £9,350 was paid at Christie's in 1988 for a workplate from a steam locomotive.

The growing interest from professional auctioneers has not always been welcomed by railway enthusiasts, who feel that auction houses lack specialist knowledge.

It was out of that feeling that Premier Auctions was born towards the end of 1986. Premier, based in Kirby Muxloe, Leicestershire, holds six auctions a year in places like Bath and Kidlington, Oxfordshire, which attract collectors from all over

Dr David Jones, 31, is the only full-time member of the organization. He began spec-ializing in railway ticket collections 10 years ago while a student at Hull University. Now he spends most of his time travelling in an effort to find auctionable items.

Mike Soden, a legal executive motives.



cil. His Oxfordshire home is packed with engine nameplates, station signs, time-tables, railway cutlery and furniture - all obtained quite

The hallway is full of scale models and silversare used in the once grand dining cars is

displayed in glass cases. One room is packed full of station signs and nameplates He is backed by a team of 10 that once graced the sides of volunteers. One of them is Mr crack Pacific express loco-

"David started off by selling tickets at Hull University. I think the ticket collectors are people who have not got much exceptions. space. Most railwaymania is heavy and demands a lot of

normally do not expect them

to be a grand investment,

although there are some

He added: "Directors'

passes or a pass that belonged

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for what they remember - and

auctions apart from others.

fetch hundreds of pounds."

The first auction run by Premier at the Charing Cross Hotel dealt only in tickets. "Most ticket collectors these days tend to be middle-aged and try to specialize in an area with which they have some

the 30s, 40s and 50s, right in the heyday."

interest, but not nearly as much as station signs. At one recent anction the platform sign from Kyle of Lochalsh fetched £1,000.

"Bidding on that would start at £100," said Mr Soden. "But nameplates of steam locomotives were going for between £3,000 and £4,300 at our most recent auction, and this really is the lower end of the market."

He advises collectors: "Buy things that look nice and are in good condition. Go for the quality items that are best in their field. Be selective."

Christie's railway auctions attract dealers and collectors from around the world. A spokesman said: "The large scale railways do attract a lot of interest. We hold the world record for a works plate

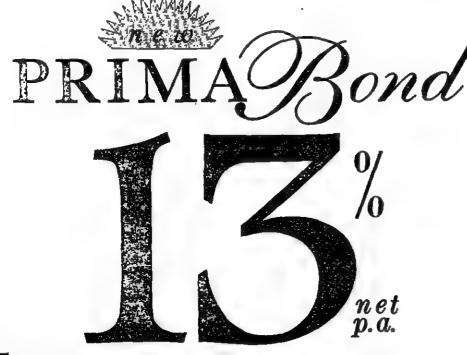
of the London North Eastern

Railway from Doncaster#

which sold for £9,350." The plate - LNER 1818 came from a streamlined Sir Nigel Gresley A4 locomotive, Silver Link.

The spokesman continued: "There is a lot of interest in Nostalgia plays a vital part. railway memorabilia. We also He says collectors tend to so have an annual sale of small gauge railway items just before that is what sets railway Christmas.

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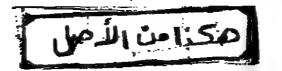
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Jon Ashworth finds a cleric who was not treated charitably

Canon fires a broadside at charges for charities

the big four banks left a vicar with unexpected charges.

.. Canon Derek Tansill found when he opened his bank statement that National Westminster Bank had charged him £3.77 for holding an account, on behalf of a church youth club, even though no withdrawals had been made and the account was in credit.

The Canon, who is Vicar of Horsham in West Sussex, opened the account with NatWest locally for a small youth club run by the parish.
The current account had a

balance of just under £60 when the charges were levied. The Canon queried the charge and asked for the account to be closed and was then aston-

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Turbulent priest: Canon Derek Tansill took NatWest to task over the youth club

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ished to find that another trable bodies were liable for be encouraged? Or was it that explain how they distinguish £3.77 had been levied.

When he complained about the extra cost, the bank rescanded the second charge.

NatWest fold the Canon it had a new policy which meant that the current accounts of charge.

NatWest, he wondered, decurrent accounts of charge.

accounts are there, and some hold quite a bit of money. You have to complain first before a charge will be rescinded."

Current accounts run by charities often face charges even though they hold large amounts and make few withdrawals. Private individuals may hold a small amount. write cheques and withdraw cash frequently, but are not charged if in credit.

NatWest denies it had

changed the rules for charities. The policy on smaller accounts is to cover costs. Larger accounts, on the Oxfam scale are treated as business accounts because of their size. A spokesman said the bank do-nated £2.5 million to charity in 1989. The other high street

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LETTERS

Cheaper way into gilts

From MRS J.G. though it has certain draw backs. It is possible to pur your help. As a pensioner I chase gitts through the shall now transfer my small National Savings Stock Reg-savings from the building ister, details of which you can society to take advantage of obtain from any Post Office, the tax allowance which as a This does have the dismarried woman I shall now have from April 5.

I intended to put half into income bonds as I need a small monthly income and I not possible to know in adwould like to put the other half vance the precise purchase into medium-dated gilts so price.
that if interest rates do fall I. On

Lloyds Bank what it would sup in some cost (in whole or in part); cost to buy shares they quoted: of cost (in whole or in part); thus these work out at roughly

ectively make the buying price is always paid without deduc-2.15 per cent above the quoted tion of income tax, although it price and make the yield much does of course remain jaxable. ess. Is there a cheaper way to

Warwick. brokers do commercial level and the banks have no choice but to pass these charges on to their customers. I should perhaps mention that Stamp Duty is not applicable to the purchase

activantage that there is a delay of a few days between placing the order and the actual allotment of stock so that it is that if interest rates do fall I. On the other hand the shall-have some interest at 12 commission charges amount plus per cent.

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These costs would eff- on stocks held on this register

In view of the abolition of composite rate tax which the Chancellor announced in his Wick. Budget a few weeks ago, which will take effect in April 1991, I wonder whether you might your predicament. Un-fortunately stock- prefer to make a temporary in income bonds and/or the National Savings Investment Account. When the new regime comes in next year you can then review the position and consider investing perorgines that you will only be haps a part of your funds in looking at the 1.65 per cent some suitable high rate depins £5 commission charge. There is an alternative building society.

Inheritance and equalization of assets

FROM Mr. B.J. Whelan Sir. May I comment on "Di-vide and equalize to leave more afore ye go." (March 31). The equalization of assets of This does not give an inhusbands and wives made sense when inheritance tax was charged at varying rates, so that, as well as using up the nil rate band on the death of the first spouse, advantage pould be taken of both sets of lower rate bands. With a single rate of 40 per cent, there is usually no need, on the first death of husband and wife, to Five more to the children than an amount equal to the nil rate band: otherwise, tax could be incurred unnecessarily and give beneficiaries problems meeting the payment due, and

the 11 per cent interest. Your correspondent correctly says that, on the first death, the gift of a half-share in the family house to the children should be made "pro-yided they trust their heirs."

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But matters may not always stay in the control of those heirs, in the event of the death or bankruptcy of any of them. superable problem but careful planning and advice is required to avoid risk to the security of the surviving spouse in the family home where she or he only owns half of it.

. No reference is made to capital gains tax on any gain accruing to the children on the eventual disposal of the share in the family home given to them on the death of the first parent. The days when children could get relief from tax on a gain realized on a house occupied by a dependant relative have passed; but again, as long as the right steps are followed the problem can be overcome. Yours faithfully, B J WHELAN, Herrington & Carmichael,

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Husbands still 'more equal' than wives

From Mrs E.R. Clarke Sir, Like Mrs Shipley-Collins, I too feel that my husband is a week ago. I am still awaiting Still "more equal" than I am my reply. under the Independent Tax-. ation regulations. I see that a ausband may get the age group if his wife is in that age does not apparently apply if group although he is not. This the husband is in the higher age group — the wife still receives only the allowance idue to her age group. idue to her age group.

I wrote to the taxman asking about this a few weeks ago. My husband wrote to the taxman

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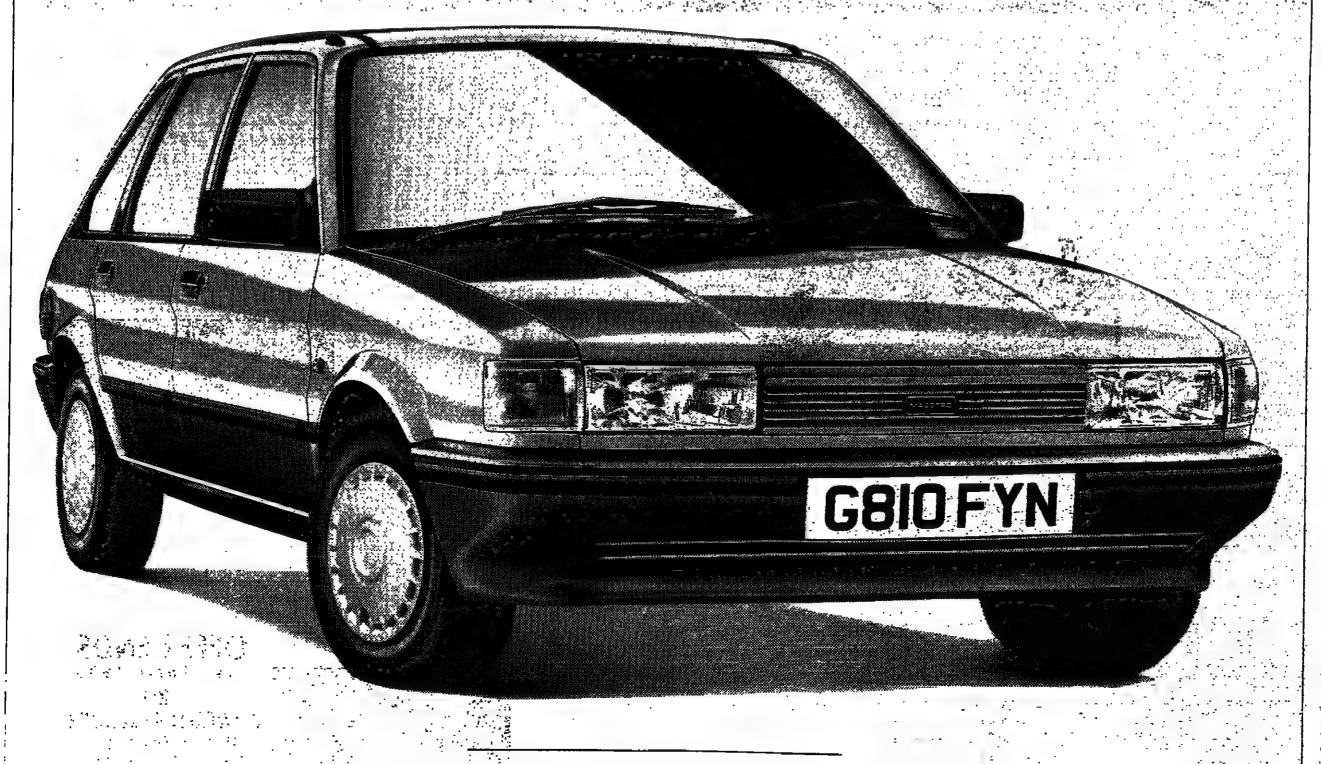
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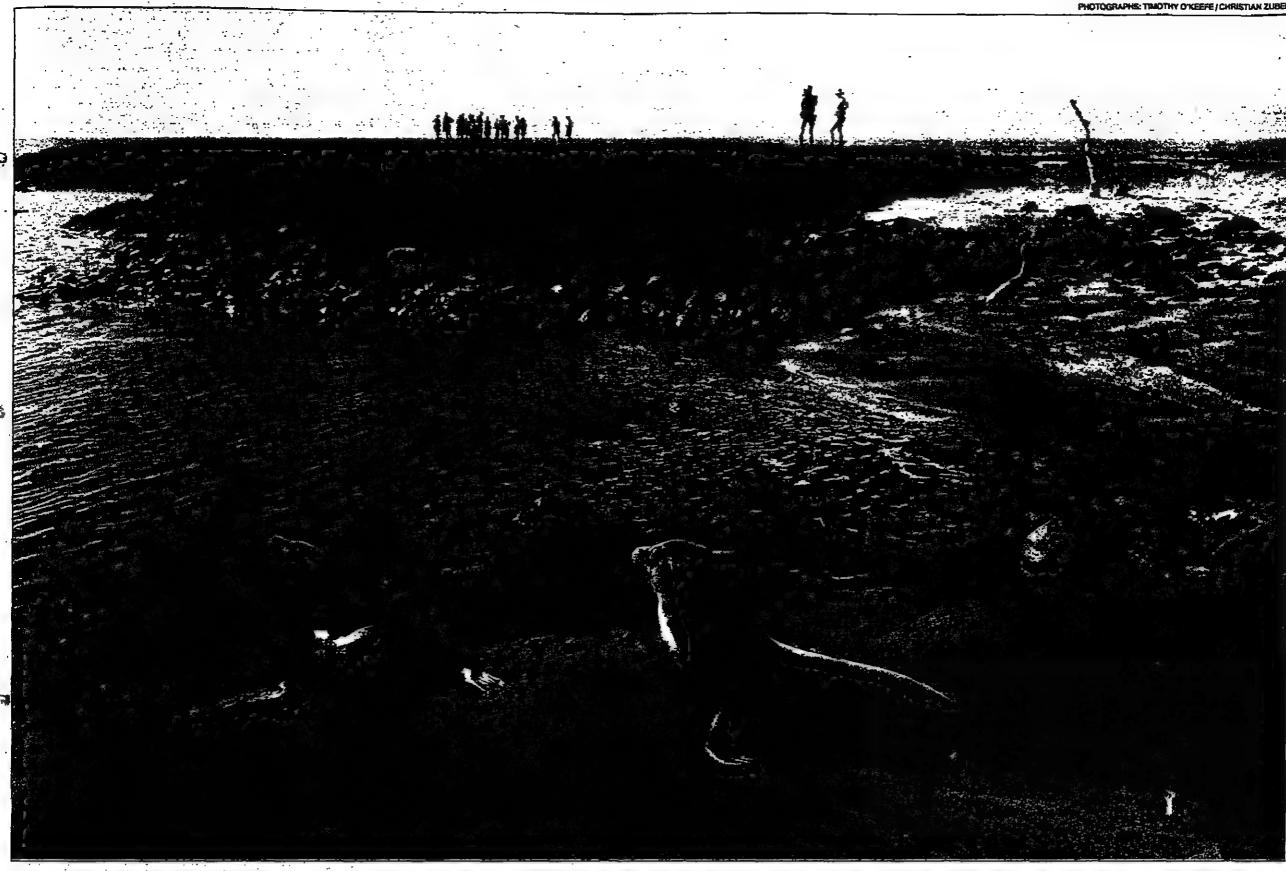
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Intruders in Nature's wonderland



Islands only four hours before discovering evidence of the growing threat to the unique wildlife of this Pacific archipelage. The equatorial night was quiet, except for the gentle sound of the outboard motor on my dingly crossing the dark waters of Academy Bay, when my companion spotted cork floats. Crouching over the side she began pulling them in as we worked our way along a 100-yard fishing net strung across the inlet which leads.

to Puerto Ayora, the main settle-ment of the Galápagos.

Tui de Roy, a writer and photographer who has lived all her life in this remote and mysterious place, was angry but unsurprised. She knew the nylon net was of the type that traps any sizeable sea life hat comes its way, from cod to lobsters, penguins and marine iguana, the swimming reptile known only in these waters.

Last year the Ecuadorian gov-ernment banned such gill nets in an attempt to halt the massacre of sharks and other species after Far Eastern companies had taken to slaughtering huge quantities of the predators just for their fins, a delicacy believed in the Orient to have aphrodisiac properties. Killing the sharks was akin to killing

On this night the net was. intended for smaller species. But big holes in the mesh testified to the struggle of sharks and larger creatures to break free. Nothing was in the net, a sign that it had just been set.

"It's amazing that people can do this just a few yards from the port." This said as she left the net twisted on itself, folling at least one night's fishing for its owner. Port is, in truth, a big word for Puerto Ayora, a dusty little township of some 7,000 people that the start a mile or so of rayed toad. boasts a mile or so of paved road telephones, a hospital or a 24-hour.

electricity supply. It would have been hard to come up with a more vivid illustration of the threats facing the Galapagos, the strange cluster of volcanic islands whose plants and animals revealed the process of natural selection to the young Charles Darwin when he sailed here in The Beagle in 1835. At a time when subbinh litters the Antarctic and human need and greed have laid waste to so much wildcraces from the Amazon to Africa, it is surprising that Darwin's "little world within itself" should

relatively unscathed for so long. arrived in the 1500s.

The Galapagos Islands have The story is the all

The Galapágos Islands have survived since prehistory as unique marine and land habitats. Now they are under threat. Charles Bremner discovers the causes of conflict and seeks the cures



Tourism v Nature: marine igname (left) and waved albatross

ing the sharks was akin to killing in the licens of the Serengeti, it meant isolation — more than 600 much removing the leading predators and disrupting Nature's fisagle nent, far from shipping routes — and thanks to the wisdom of the preserved the Galapagos as one of fecuadorian government, which the world's last near-pristing man-

them a national park.

The isolation of Darwin's day persisted more or less until well beyond the invention of the jet aircraft. Until the 1970s, the human residents consisted of a couple of thousand fishermen, farmers, servicemen, European settlers and prisoners on a nowdefunct penal colony.

nce known to sailors as the Islas Encantadas, the Galápagos have not made the news like the Amazon forests; no but which lacks fresh water, rock stars have adopted their cause. There have been no catastrophes such as oil spills or villainous ivory hunters to seize the world's attention, but the Word has been passing among naturalists that all is not well. A few days on the islands were ures have been building up. enough to confirm this.

It is not too dramatic to say that the archipelago is in danger of losing those extraordinary qualities that have enabled it to survive as a natural wonderland, a place where strange creatures such as giant tortoises and booby birds "little world within itself" should live in a harmony that has have survived the abuses of man, delighted visitors since they first

The story is the all too familiar

ished Third World country. Briefly, the islands are threatened by the pressures of commercial fishing and, probably more urgently, by a boom in visitors that is attracting an uncontrolled in-flux of workers and entrepreneurs from the Ecuadorian mainland. Politics, bureaucratic inertia and some negligence have hampered

efforts to control growth. "If we do not take care of it, this place is going to come to an end very soon," says Carlos Caceres, the town clerk of Puerto Ayora. "If they don't come up with a plan for protecting the archipelago we will see the marvels of our islands

come to an end." Since most of the visitors to the islands travel and sleep on boats, big vessels or small chartered cabin cruisers, the impact is not immediately visible. Puerto Ayora is no Acapulco or tourist-dev-astated Greek island. There are no high-rise hotels, but there is a proliferation of souvenir shops, a pizza parlour, discos and two video stores. Tourist custom has fuelled an unrestricted flow of settlers, increasing the Galápagos population by 12 per cent a year to nearly 15,000.

As well as the crowding that has intensified sewage pollution, the newcomers have brought drugs, unemployment and crime. It seems out of keeping that in the main centre of one of the world's environmental wonders that so many shops should be boasting of their stock of black coral, an endangered species, and that fishermen should be strolling

local waters, rather as cowboys once flaunted their six-shooters.

A mile away, alongside the turquoise waters of the bay, staff tell a similar story at the headquarters of the research station. run by the Charles Darwin Foundation, an international body that has worked with the Ecuadorian authorities for connervation amor

the early 1960s.

Dr Padraig Whelan, the deputy director, sees tourism and the attendent commercial development as the main threat. "Galapagos is a world heritage site, one of the most important areas for studying evolution. If this is happening here, what can be happening elsewhere?" he asks.

¶austo Cepeda, the direc-tor of the Galápagos National Park, is outspoken about what he says is the failure of his government to protect the islands against illegal fishing and to control plans for the establishment of full-scale Caribbean-style resorts on the islands. His service controls 98 per cent of the territory of the 19 is-lands, all but four of which are uninhabited. New settlement is restricted to the remaining 2 per cent.

Until now, resistance to development has helped to preserve the remoteness of the islands. Among other commodities, Santa Cruz, the main inhabited island, lacks telecommunications, a re-freshing phenomenon when there seems almost nowhere on the planet without its satellite phone links. Word from the outside world still depends on the arrival of mail boats from Guayaquil on the mainland. Land transport also remains deliberately primitive, as anyone who arrives by the daily Boeing at the little airport on

Baltra island learns. Unless you are joining a cruise nearby, the trip to Puerto Ayora amounts to an adventure in itself. A crowded and ancient bus clanks through the mid-day heat and deposits you at a landing from which a tiny flat-bottomed ferry takes you across to Santa Cruz. By that stage of the trip, I was musing on the appropriateness of the English name the early explorers gave to the big inland: Indefatigable.

Another jam-packed little bus takes you on a bone-jarring 90minute drive over a rutted track through a landscape of cactus, lava and some upland forest to the port. You realize why the betteroff tourists sign up for cruises; only the Ecuadorians and the less well-off foreigners opt for finding one of the few hotel rooms.

On my trip to town, fellow passengers included eco-hippies, naturalists, an Ecuadorian lawyer scenting out the prospects for tourist development and an American shop-owner and his

brought along their four bicycles from home in Emporium, Pennsylvania. The lawyer kept saying "It's a disgrace", as the bus thudded across water gullies in the track. "They don't even want to build a road because they say it will bring in too many people."

Many locals resent the influx, which is assured under a constitution that guarantees the right of Ecuadorian citizens to move where they want, Raul Flores, a local radio commentator, shoppadlock on his front gate as he sits under his bougainvillaca lament-ing the arrival of "unscrupulous people" who, he says, have no comprehension of the need to preserve the natural treasures of the islands. "They don't seem to understand that they risk destroy-

ing the source of all our wealth. But he speaks for many of the locals, including the town hall, when he says he believes that landbased tourism should be carefully

argument and one that bears considerable weight, given the vast gulf between the wealth of the visitors and the subsistence life suffered by most Ecuadorians, 'It's not right that the big companies come and take our riches. I don't think that the only way people should visit Galápagos should be in five-star boats," Mr Flores says. Many local officials, including

those of the Galápagos Institute (Ingala), an umbrella develop-Comment overleaf

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Paying one's royal dues

t's always good to have the last word and I've got it. Some weeks ago the great Nimmo attacked my barber, having learnedly traced his newest joke back to Joe Miller's extravagantly old joke book. This week all 1,101 pages of Frank Muir's Oxford Book of Humerous Prese hit my desk. As early as page three he ascribes this tale to the even older The Schoolemaster or Teacher of Table Philosophie (1583), "There came unto Rome a certain gentleman very like Augustus. The emperor noticed him and demanded of him if his mother had sometimes been to Rome.
"No," said the gentleman, "But

my father hath often been." It gets better. In the early 5th century. Macrobius's version ran: "Die mihi, adulescens, fuit ali-quando mater tua Romae."

Negavit ille nec contentus adjecit: "Sed pater meus saene."
Beat that, Derek, Now we move forward 14 centuries.

THIS week's revelation that the Queen, with an estimated personal fortune of £2.4 billion, is the richest woman in the world had about the same impact as the news that Christmas comes but once a year. After all, she paid no death duties on the demise of George VI and she has subsequently paid no income tax on her personal investments for 36 years and quite right.

It was not always so. In 1842 Queen Victoria volunteered to pay income tax. Edward VII continued this practice. When George V succeeded in 1910 he was informed by the Government (who had consulted Sir Rufus Isaac, the Solicitor-General), that he need not subscribe. In return he offered to contribute to the cost of state visits out of his civil list money. He also generously chipped in £100,000 towards the cost of the First World War - which must have bought a few more howitzers then than it would today. He later took an economy cut in the civil list during the depression from 1931-35. In 1948 King George VI also handed back £100,000 saved from the civil list during the Second World War.

THERE was a special poignancy about Ian Charleson's memorial service at St James's Piccadilly on Sunday afternoon. Memorials should be for the great and the good who are full of years. Ian was born in 1949 and his packed congregation of contemporaries had every right to expect to enjoy his fine friendship, sharp sense of fun and his special talent for decades to come. I only worked with him once, in a television show, when he gave a witty sketch of an avant-garde composer defending his anti-war rock musical.

transformation costume in The ing up at the famous bust of Shakespeare. Higgins heard Ian which lan's head nestled like a pearl muttering: "Oh, William, forgive

Among tributes from his friends and family — especially his brother Kenneth, singing "My Love is Like a Red. Red Rose" — Richard Griffiths touched a wonderful jok-ing chord with two of Ian's favourite stories. There was the American fan who asked him about his Ariel

in a vast oyster shell. Was that supposed to represent a sea nymph?" the fan enquired.

"Yes," he said.
"Well," she came back, "you didn't cut it." And there was the famous underrehearsed Stratford Shrew. "Everyone knew their lines but no one knew when to say them." After half a technical and no dress rehearsal, the actors had the statutory two hours' break before the first night. Ian and Anthony Higgins made their way separately to Stratford church and found themselves look-

us, for we know not what we do." At the Olivier Awards later that evening Michael Bryant, whose gong for Best Actor in a Supporting

Role was about the only undisputed choice, paid further tribute to a man who could play a three-and-a-half-hour Hamlet while dying, and come off stage joking. As Griffiths said, "Remember him."

I OWE both the Prime Minister and Lord St John of Fawsley an apology. In trouble with a tooth and bucketing between Chelsea and Southampton, I have not had time to have it two had once taken "French lessons in tandem", my ravaged diction

fixed. My tongue has, of course, sought out the jagged edges and created its own painful crater.

As a result, when last week I dictated the information that these made it come out as "French lessons in Camden". It sounds like a

new line which is much funnier." Keith Waterhouse points out the source of my confusion - E. C. Bentley's famous Clerinew: "Sir Christopher Wren/Said I'm dining with some men./If anyone calls/Say I'm designing St Paul's." Sandy goes on to quote another. Gingold improvement for a number of his, Medusa. "I wrote one couplet about Zeus seducing Medusa:
"He wooed me in every conceivable shape/As a horse, as a bull,

> LATE one night in Southampton I hoped to celebrate a successful preview of Same Old Moon with my

as a bear, as an ape."
"Hermione changed the second

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KEITH Waterhouse and Sandy

Wilson are among many who have politely corrected me on the quotation from that review number which I recalled from the Greek

earthquake gala in the 1950s.

It was written by Sandy. He included it in a Watergate review,

See You Later. It was originally meant for Walter Crisham in the

second edition of Hermione Gin-

gold's 1948 review at the Comedy,

Slings and Arrows. "Wally didn't

like it and it was given to Wallace

Eaton, who made it so sinister nobody laughed." The sketch was

about a 17th-century night-watch-

man. The opening line was "12

o'clock and everything's ghastly

"Hush, hush, whisper who dares/Christopher Wren is design-

ing some stairs."

Sandy originally wrote, "Christopher Wren is saying his prayers",

and adds: "Hermione suggested the

.. " The couplet I should have

either of them.

quoted was:

Chinese Takeaway just up the road abandoned his kung fu video and fried some splendid cod which made it all worthwhile.

line to 'As a horse, as a bull, as a bee, as a grape'. It was also much annual helping of fish and chips.
Unfortunately "Big George" — open till midnight — was, at 11.50pm, only serving doner kebabs. However, the obliging man at the Portswood Fish and Chip and Camden Town

naturalists,

and the older

tour operators.

David Balfour,

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vould not be too dismayed about my conviction on five counts of coaspinacy, lying and obstructing congressional inquiries, even though everyone thinks I may be the one Irangare defendant who will sample life behind prison bars. On our side of the Atlantic, a little law-breaking, walk-on roles in political scandals and other assorted oversights in the Oval Office do not necessarily signal a terminal downfall.

Negative notoriety? No way, we Americans have perfected social recovery with such state-of-the-art aplomb that my comeback will upstage the return of Perrier. For a start, I've managed to enrol in the ranks of the great unstuck ahead of Adnan Khashoggi and Imelda Marcos, whose trial pantomimes are currently playing to packed court houses in New York. They will surely be in no position to cash in on their predicament before my sentencing date of June 11.

It is also a consolation that our prisons are a great

improvement on England's Strangeways, and would probably collect a few rosettes in any good hotel guide. Take the Lompoc minimum security camp in California, which has welcomed Bob Haldesnan (of Watergate fame) and, more recently, Ivan Boesky, whose insider antics put him inside.



Admiral Poindexter

Ivan occupied himself with bodybuilding and religious studies and kept in touch with news from his old haunts via the Wall Street Journal. Apparently even take aways are delivered with a "Have a nice day" all-American service. Even before his release. Park Avenue hostesses were pleading with him to come straight round to their cocktail parties. I also recall how Olliemania reached such a pitch that at one stage my old aide Oliver North was commanding \$25,000 air appearance on the lecture circuit — and now he's making a pile marketing ballet-proof vests.

O o why should I warry about stopping the buck and carrying the can, otherwise known as protecting the political viability of Ronald Reagan? This is the country of the double standard, where one misdemeanour on the way up can send a career into tailspin. Remember Gary Hart and Donna Rice? Their affair pot paid to his presidential hopes and kept the comedians in business for months. I particularly liked the restaurant near the Colorado ski slopes where, when Gary dropped in one day, they promptly changed the day's special meal to "Chicken on a bed of Rice".

But once you're at the top, a freefall from grace just opens more doors. There is a board game selling well

opens more doors. There is a board game selling well in Washington where you have to get round without being arrested on drugs charges, being caught as an adulterer or taking back-handers. That's tume stuff.

I'm working on a game based on a plan of the White House which is a race to the shredding machine. First you write the President's cae casds for a typical day of meetings with a visiting head of an unfriendly government, then race to the press conference before rival spokespersons to explain what the President really meant (there is a risk bere if you do not go first to the upe machine to collect the spoods). Next you must rush to the computer room to set the records straight, then to the satellite phone link to divert millions of then to the satellite phone link to divert millions of dollars from one of the President's causes to another. I think I'll call it Admirable.

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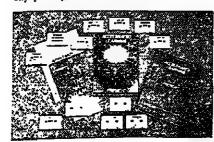
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Working against Nature

ment authority, and the provincial government, fa-vour building more facilities in the inhabited areas. Some businessmen are floating far more ambitious schemes. Rodrigo Cisneros, a poli-tician-businessman based in Quito, has plans for roadbuilding on the big pro-tected island of Isabella, formerly Albermarie, and the creation of a full-scale tourist

He stands a good chance of going ahead, particularly if he vius his campaign for the Galápagos parliamentary seat in forthcoming elections. Mr Cisneros does not like the conservationists, particularly the Darwin station.

in Puerto Ayora, I came across Benjamin Rosales, a susinessman from Guayaquil, n mainland Ecuador, who had just bought land at Puerto Baquerizo Moreno, the Galápagos administrative capital on San Cristóbal island. His project is to build holiday flats, the first, he says, in the Galápagos. "I don't have to get any special per-mission," he says.

They are overdoing all the talk about conservation, he says. "There's no point in having 3,000 lazy people who are doing nothing except hanging around the disco. What's the good of being a wonder of the world if we don't show it to the world? The new Galapagos will be reserved for an elite tourism, of course. We don't want this becoming like the Greek Is-

ands or the Caribbean." It is obvious to any visitor that the package-tour crowd would never take to the Galápagos like they do to the more lush, palm-fringed tropical paradises to be found elsewhere in the Pacific. In the early days of their discovery, whalers and pirates used to curse the islands' austere volcanic landscape. Although the giant tortoises enchanted Darwin, Herman Melville found them sinister.

"Little but reptile life is found here," he wrote. "The chief sound of life is a hiss." He was talking about the strange wheezing noise made by the giant tortoises, creatures whose wizened faces were the inspiration for Holly-Talk of tourist



emy Bay, says the fact that the government started the park when tourism was in its infancy had saved the archipelago so far, but things have gone beyond saturation point, with 44,000 visitors last year.
Since there are only a

handful of good landing sites, it means that tourists who have paid thousands of American dollars to come to consort with the tame wildlife find themselves queuing up to land behind fellow Americans and Europeans to catch a. elimpse of an iguana, a sealion or a penguin.

Mr. Balfour thinks that the

park administration should take a stand, backed by the Darwin Foundation, and press the government to restrict the numbers of tourists. But Mr Cepeda, the park director, says that his organization, which is a division of the Ecuadorean agri-

culture ministry, is powerless. (The park's problems were emphasized during my visit by the start of a pay strike by employees.) He fears the worst, he says, particularly if co-ordinate and enforce an Mr Cisneros has his way. The overall plan for the dev-

PREDATORS FROM ELSEWHERE

ONLY two out of 14 major islands remain untouched by animals

introduced from elsewhere, by pirates, whalers and actiters. Many have now run wild. With no quarantine or serious import

controls, foreign species are still landing, including the

aggressive Norway rat, introduced only 10 years ago, and red fire

On Pinzon, for nearly 100 years, rats have been killing every

single giant tortoise hatchling, leaving only an ageing adult-population. On Santiago Island, wild pigs have been snatching the eggs of sea turtles at the instant they are being laid. Goats

have multiplied furiously, wiping out large stands of native plants, robbing wildlife of their food and eroding the soil.

colonies of land and marine iguanas, seals and penguins on Isabella have been controlled. But the Foundation says the

problem is enormous - and time is critical.

ants, which have recently become a nuisance.

Cancun, the glitzy Mexican resort on the Yucatan coast of the Carib-Mr Whelan. the Darwin deputy chief says a crisis-

point has al-

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then look like

visitors introducing foreign species into the islands. Much of the foundation's time is already taken up "putting out fires", as he puts it, caused by introduced plant and animal predators. These include rats, red ants, dogs, cars and pigs. Rats brought on ships have killed every giant tortoise hatching on one island. Pigs snatch the eggs of sea turtles as they are being laid and use their sense of smell to catch the surviving turtles as they.

hatch under the sand. The islands desperately need a regime of quarantine, Mr Whelan says. The eco-system is so fragile and can be tipped over so easily."

The alternative he says. could be allowing the Galanagos to turn into something like Hawaii or New Zealand which have become "a total mess because people have brought in different species."

What is lacking say the local authorities, the Darwin administration and the parks service, is the political will to

Galápagos. The authorities must also ake steps to enforce the fishing decree enacted after the outcry from tourists and naturalists over the shark slaughter last year. Among other things, this prohibited all gill nets, spear-guns and regot lobster fishing. It regolated areas, allowing only local fishermen to work within five miles of shore and allowed

species that flourish off the

the archipelago. At present, the area is subject to an array

of clashing jurisdictions, from

the provincial authorities to

the military and the Ingala

have come and gone.

only for tuna, within 15 miles. But local officials say little enforcement is carried out by the navy, and that illegal fishing is continuing. "We have reports of big vessels not showing any flag fishing close in," says Mr Cepeda.

only Ecuadorean boats to fish.

hope that the government of one small and poor country can prevail against global pressures that have spoiled many another wilderness. And perhaps the world must tackle far more urgent priorities than trying to preserve the purity of a living museum. Many locals are resigned to accepting that things will never return to the isolated old ways. For example. Tri de Roy is planning to move to New Zealand later

But it would be a pity to lose. that comer of the globe where, Since 1964, the Darwin Foundation and the National Park as Darwin put it, both in Service have been trying to eradicate or control the animals, space and time, we seem to be Goats have been removed from five small islands; rats have been brought somewhat near to that exterminated on several islets; wild dogs that were threatening great fact - that mystery of mysteries - the first appearance of the new beings on this

My July ID

umbrella body. Various plans

control of overall numbers, only a licensing system for the boat operators, which requires them, among other things, to carry a National Park guide with every group of tourists.
First, say the local experts, the government must follow through with action to implement the Marine Resources Reserve, which it declared for the archipelago in 1986 but never enforced. The reserve had been recommended by international sci-

entists for years as a way of protecting the diverse aquatic

At present, there is no

A CHILDHOOD: BRUCE KENT

'The martyr tradition of sticking to your principles has had a strong influence on me'

ber exactly where he was when he heard that the atom bomb had been dropped on Hiro-shima. "I was 16 and standing on Marylebone Road near Madame Tussaud's. I saw the headline on a newspaper and I remember thinking. This is great Those people deserve it, now they've got it and it's the end of the war. This is wonderful."

Today, 45 years on, Bruce Kent Monsignor Bruce Kent until he retired" in 1987 when the strain between his pastoral and political roles became too much), is chairman of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament. His conversion to the peace movement has been a lifelong journey.

Born in 1929, he was brought up

in secure, relatively prosperous Hampstead Garden Suburb, the middle child of a Canadian couple, a Presbyterian father sent to London to manage an American company and a staunchly Catholic mother. His father had been badly injured in the First World War,

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nearly losing a leg.

"He was in hospital for two years after the war and right up until the time of his death, many years later, little bits of metal would emerge from this rather chewed-up leg. He never really talked about how it

happened. They never do." As part of the marriage arrangement it had been agreed that the children should be brought up as Catholics, and so Bruce Kent and his elder brother were sent off to a Catholic prep school in Hitchin. It was run by a convert, a former Anglican person and a strict disciphinarian who was very keen

on the lives of the martyrs. "I would say that in the early part of my education this had a very strong influence on me in terms of the martyrs' courage and their aresistance. Not that I'm a martyr at all. I've had a very comfortable existence. But the whole martyr tradition, in that you stick to your principles and go on, has had a strong influence on me."

He does not say what influence the corporal punishment the school dealt out to quite small boys had, but it has certainly left an indelible print on his memory.

"I'll never forget seeing these little kids lining up for the swim-ming baths with their little bottoms black and blue. Regularly, Some-thing called a 'tollie' was used. A

At the age of 10 the war stepped: in and his father arranged for the three children and their mother to go to Canada, a glorious experience childhood, tobogganing and skating in the winter, camp in the summer. Sent to an inter-denominational, mainly Protestant school, he won the scripture prize twice. He was also bugler with the school corps. It was a painful shock when, in 1943, the family were brought back to wartime England, his father having had enough of



"He was a very good father, a very strong man and I think small boys are over-awed by strong parents. Meals were always absolutely punctual and he was very tidy. I'm still always punctual for appointments and, compared with the rest of the CND headquarters,

my office is relatively tidy.

My father was in the Home Guard in the war and my brother and I would be always finding bullets for sten guns in drawers along with his regalia from the

"He wasn't an active Freemason. think he stopped going to the meetings for the same reason that he didn't approve of the Catholic Church - there was too much

dressing up."
His father's disapproval did not,

by Ray Connolly

however, prevent him from sending his sons off to Stonyhurst. "He met somebody whose son was a Jesuit priest. So we were sent off to Stonyhurst on a bleak October day in 1943. The culture shock was drastic after the inxury of Canada. For a year I hated it, then I enjoyed

it very much." Like nearly all public schools of the time, there was an ongoing element of the military as boys were prepared for Sandhurst or Cranwell, as well as Oxford or Cambridge, and a parallel existing between the cadet corps and the

structure of the school. "Looking back one can be highly critical, but the militarism was just part of the air of the time, the enthusiastic as the next boy. Indeed, he might easily have avoided National Service in that both his parents were Canadian, but he positively chose to be British. Not to have been in the forces would have been a diagrace, to have let the achool down.

"If we're looking for building blocks of a childhood, I suppose you could say I wanted to conform Not to have been an officer would

have been a disgrace, too." In the Army, saying one's prayers at night was the first challenge. "It admits, "it was to do with being strong. I remember there was another boy, a Protestant, saying his prayers, too, and this was quite a surprise to me. Protestants weren't supposed to do that sort of thing."

He enjoyed the Army, being transferred to the armoured corps after showing a mechanical aptitude (hooking together the links in a lavatory chain and being able to reassemble a bicycle pump) and ending up as a second lieutenant.

"I suppose I saw myself as the cream of the cream, with a paternalistic attitude towards the rest of the world. I remember when some soldier got into trouble for stealing something, I got on my motor cycle in the middle of the ight and rode all the way up to Wakefield Prison to see if he was being property looked after."

He was, of course, much more interested in religion than most boys of his age. On one occasion, because his regiment contained a large number of Poles, he went to the colonel and said he wanted to borrow a three-ton truck to take everyone to a weekday mass on the Feast of the Assumption.

"The colonel must have been laughing inside but he said, 'Fine, I'll get you a three-tonner', and he put a notice up to tell the Poles." At seven o'clock the next morning, there was the three-tonner,

there was the driver and there was Bruce Kent ... and nobody else. He had the three-tonner to himself to go to mass.

By the time he got to Oxford he

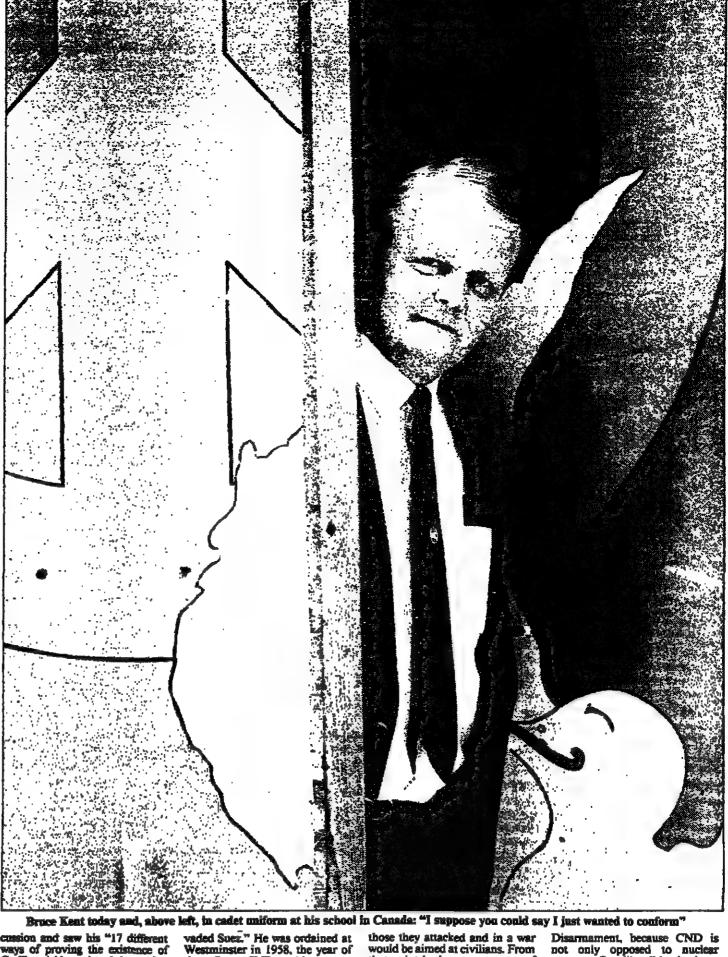
had already decided he wanted to be a priest. The previous Easter he had returned to Stonyhurst for a retreat where a powerful Jesuit speaker had addressed them with the question "What are you doing for God?" rather in the style of "Your Country Needs

"Somehow it got me. It was almost a Billy Graham experience and I was determined that was what I would do. It was a blinding conviction. But it involved me in great problems with my father. He didn't mind me being a Catholic,

but being a priest was too much. "There were an awful lot of family difficulties and he left home for a few days. In the end we came to a compromise. I agreed to go to university for three years first and, if I was still determined to be a priest at the end, he agreed he wonkin't make a firss about it. He sign of the re-establishment of our ationship.

Oxford was very agreeable. He studied law, for no particular reason, was a member of no political party and had no real ambition. He spoke in the Union once, was president of the Newman Society and went to daily mass with

Intellectually there were a few humbling experiences to come. Totally self-confident in the way his religion had been taught to him, he turned up at a philosophy dis-



a little more complicated and God. wasn't as easily attainable as I'd thought. By the time he took his finals in 1952 he was certain about the priesthood and went off to a

minary in Hertfordshire. "At first I was determined to keep up with the ontside world and took the Guardian Weekly, but gradually one's interests tumbled into bee-keeping, mending one's bicycle and doing the seminary pantomime. I vaguely remember feeling enthusiastic when we in-

God" quickly reduced by a few the first CND Aldermaston clever sentences. "I realized life was march, but it meant nothing to

him. His first real knowledge of CND came at Easter a year later, when the marchers obstructed the cars of the wedding he, as a young parish priest, was organizing in gton High Street.

He finally came to CND through Catholic fundamentalism when he could not understand why the Church, which makes it "crystal clear" that you do not assault innocent civilians, was not speaking out against nuclear weapons which were indiscriminate in

that point he began to get out of

There was no road-to-Damascus experience, but in 1969 at the age of 40, he went to Biafra and saw first-hand the corruption of politics - starving children surrounded by millions of pounds' worth of British-made armoured cars. At that point he realized that if you wanted to change things

you had to get your hands dirty". Since then he has been in a state gentle slide from a moral position towards a political one. He would like to change the name of CND to the Campaign for comes to changing its name.

Although no longer able to practise as a priest and now married (his wife, Valerie, is writing a thesis on the history of the Catholic peace movement), he is still a practising Catholic.

"I'm deeply committed to the idea that the gospel has a vision of the way people should live together, which is immensely relevant to this very moment. Whether I shall ever become a priest again in the functional sense, I don't know."

We dial 081 for suburbia

On May 6 London will find its phone numbers split into two zones.

Alan Hamilton anticipates the angst

SIMEON! Jocastal Hasn't Mummy told you not to ring up Wayne and Sharon? You know perfectly well they're 081 people."
"But Mummy, they only

live down the road." "Yes darlings, but you've got to draw the line somewhere. You see, we live in nice Barnsbury among the chattering classes, so we're 071 people. Wayne and Sharon

live in, um, Holloway." Well, Mummy, can we play with Darren and Tracy?" Good heavens no. Darren. and Tracy live in Hoxton. Their daddy reads the Daily Star and that nasty Sunday

Sport* But Mummy, Darren and Tracy's new phone number starts with an 071."

"That's impossible, darlings. You see, 071 numbers are for nice, intelligent, successful people like us who live in inner London. To have an 081 number is frankly. well, suburban. If British Telecom really has put Hoxton among the 071s, I'll simply have to dash off a letter

"Just look at Daddy - you remember Daddy, don't you? going off to live in that house in Richmond. It's typical of the feckless no-good to shack up in 081. That dreadful fancy-woman of his has refused to move in with him, you know. It would mean giving up her Chelsea flat. And Chelsea, darlings, is definitely

it absolutely serves him right; he'll come crawling back home any day now: He'll soon realize which side his phone is numbered on.
"And, darlings, did you hear that Irishman who came

yesterday to fix the Jacuzzi? I mean, he was only a plumber but now that they've gone and put Kilburn in with the 071s. you'd think he rode with the Galway Biazers. "And he was so rude about

his brother who owns that big international road-digging company; his brother lives up the road in Harlesden, you see, and you know what their numbers begin with." "But Mummy, there's a boy

in our class who says his grandma lives in a conneil flat in Poplar, and she's got an 071 number, and ever since then she's been telling everyone she lives in Docklands."
"Poplar, darlings? That's

nearly in Essex! Now we don't go to Essex, do we? That's full of really 081 places like Chigwell and Dagenham. Taxi drivers live there. Taxi drivers, darlings, are not the class of person one would want to have an 071 number."

"But Mummy, why has that nice Mr Goldman changed his address because of his telephone number? He had a big house in Golders Green.' "He still does, darlings, but because he lives in the very

south of Golders Green he just scraped into the 071s. So now he tells everyone he lives in porth Hampstead "Now do be quiet, darlings, the phone's ringing. It'll probably be Mummy's friend from the country. Poor dear, I don't

know she can stand it in-

Shepherd's Bush."

Rebel with no rock to roll

stars are now completing their public school education. Zowie Bowie has graduated from Gordonstoun and the children of Led Zeppelin and the Rolling Stones have also benefited from a traditional private education.

Most rock stars seem to be content with their children's development, but not so Dave Despicable, bass guitarist with Sixties rock supergroup, Dull Noise, whose 1971 concept triple album, Into The Mystic "Dear Mr Despicable,

Esmo farewell from St Swith- and greasy as possible, in's after five years. For the responded by saying, 'Now past 12 months he has been a don't do anything conscientious head prefect, silly, Desmond. combining this important post At this point he with captain of games and a smiled approvinghighly successful keepership ly and proffered of our flourishing stamp club. the scissors and With much regret, I am duty shampoo for my bound to report that, ever safekeeping. In since his arrival, Esmo has retrospect, I see shown remarkably little in- this initial lack of clination for the rebellious- forbearance on my ness you wished us to foster in part was to unleash him and, I dare say, his an unstoppable repeated insistence to our tide of conformity. careers advisory panel that he wishes to be a tax inspector diligently at mathematics and will come as something as a Latin in his first term, he went shock both to you and to his home, somewhat unwillingly,

Mercedes Chickadee Swithin's all those years ago, Esmo revealed immediate that I received your telephone signs of conformity, insisting call complaining of his highlythat his name be altered on the official school list from Esmo Despicable to plain Desmond Able. When I pointed out that interest in personal cleanliness the staff and governors of St and his propensity for home-Swithin's might have to seek work. I pledged there and then parental consent before com- that I would do everything in plying with such a request, my power to remedy these



Void, sold a million copies in Esmo brandished a pair of Holland alone. Dave has ex- scissors and a bottle of shampressed grave disappointment poo and threatened to give his with the final report on his own hair a short-back-andson, Esmo, by the headmaster sides and a thorough wash if of St Swithin's public school we did not immediately grant permission.

"Recalling how insistent "It is with no small sense of you had been that his hair failure that I bid your son should remain as unkempt

"After working

common-law mother, Miss for the holidays, already showing many tell-tale signs of pro-"Upon his arrival at St Establishment behaviour. It was with the heaviest of hearts polished lace-up shoes, his readiness to help around the house, his almost fanatical



shortcomings during Esmo's second term. 'Alas, to no avail. Mr

Bunion, our senior bousemaster, was deputed to teach ers', Esmo emerged with the a recent recruit to their local

> freshly conjugated Latin verbs, leaving the wall in a quite disgraceful state of cleanliness. "By the end of his first year at St

Swithin's, Esmo had established himself as a natural leader with a duty. I need hardly

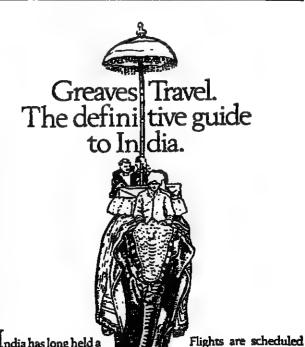
BROWN tell you that my staff and I were rapidly approaching the end of our to say his elocution lessons tether. After his intervention in the school debating society only hope it is all but a phase. to argue for tougher measures against the misfits and ne'erdo-wells in our society, I "PS. Incidentally, Desmond answered the telephone and last term was deposited

type.
"Esmo's brush with the police at the end of his second year came as a bitter blow to

the school. As I remember it you had arrived at our annual school sports day, accompa-nied by a Miss Lollipop LeBonBon, and had been understandably appalled by the news vouchsafed by your son that, through sheer hard slog, he had achieved promotion to the lofty heights of head of dorm and form monitor, as well as gaining his Blue Badge for general attitude. You made it quite clear that you would be withdrawing Esmo from the school if his the lad the rudiments of conduct did not deteriorate to graffiti but, left for a full two 2 marked extent within the hours in front of a freshly. next school year. At this point, painted lavatory wall with a the local constabulary arrived. complete set of magic mark. having been alerted by Esmo notepad he had secreted about cadet force, to take yourself his person full of and Miss LeBonBon in for questioning concerning the 'cigarettes' you had so kindly offered me, at a very reason able price, after the presentation of the cross-country cup. "During the past year, realize the embarrassmen caused you by newspaper

reports of Esmo's success in A levels, coupled with constant sightings in a clean shirt. I strong sense of have had a word with him about humming the national anthem in the corridors but, I fear, to little avail, and I regret are coming on apace. We can

Yours faithfully T. P. Hedges (Rev) contacted you on your 'Kick has informed me that the out the Jams' tour in Buenos Rolls-Royce motor vehicle Aires where, if I remember discovered in the school rightly, a Miss Fruity Divine swimming pool at the end of promised to relay my message therein by you. On Desmond's that the school would do instructions, I enclose the bill everything in its power to for its removal and I would be awaken your son's interest in most grateful for immediate pointlessly destructive behav- payment forthwith."



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Ripples in the holy water

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The old priest swung open the great iron door, and stared at us in some surprise. We were, he said almost

the only visitors at Jacob's Well for two years. The intifada, he explained with a sigh: the Palestinian uprising against Israeli occupation. Jacob's Well, like many other holy places, is on the occupied West Bank, and sees few tourists nowadays. Only the foolhardy (and journalists, priests and United Nations aid workers) are willing to run the risk of getting caught in the crossfire of stones and plastic bullets which make up a West Bank riot.

Tourism in Israel is on the increase, after a two-year slump. With the intifada simmering on into its third year, but not hitting the headlines quite so much, American and European visitors have started to come back to the Holy Land. For instance, more than 41,000 pilgrims and visitors are arriving in Israel this Easter, a third more than last year. But many of the holy sites, both Old Testament and New Testament, remain inaccessible. Tour guides have ways of avoiding them: this tomb or that shrine, they explain, is "temporarily" closed for repairs, or because of an Arab 'demonstration".

Hence the solitude of Father Eustinos Mamalos, the lonely guardian of Jacob's Well. The well is in Nablus, the nerve-centre of the uprising and largest Arab town on the West Bank. It is also right opposite Balata refugee camp, one of the most militant Palestinian refugee camps and a frequent scene of confrontations between Israeli troops and stone-throwing Arab youths. In the Nablus kasbah, a rabbit warren of medieval alleyways, killings of Arab "collaborators" by extremist Arab youths are common, and some of the youngsters have taken to using

guns as well as stones. Father Mamalos, a Greek Orthodox monk, takes a philosophical view of the troubles, which he seems as the latest in a history of Holy Land strife stretching back thousands of years. Travellers and pilgrims have often had to contend with riots, brig-ands or officialdom. With the help

The prospect of violence from the intifada means that some holy

places are inaccessible to

tourists this

Easter, as Richard Owen discovers

of a sole Arab employee, the old white-bearded priest continues to guard the well and the ruined church built over it, tending the monastic kitchen garden behind the high stone walls, an oasis of calm, contemplation and greenery which seems light years away from the dust, squalor and passion of the intifada outside.



Unlike many sites in the Holy Land, the well has a strong claim to authenticity. It is almost certainly

the one Jacob bought for 100 pieces of silver, after wrestling according to Genesis - with the angel at the Jabbok ford. It is certainly the well described much later by St John in the New Testament, the one at which Jesus asked the woman of Samaria for a drink of water. No other well for miles around answers the description. St John's Gospel records how Jesus sat on the edge of the well on his way from Judea to Galilee, "being wearied with his journey", and started his teasing exchange: "Then the Samaritan woman said to him, how is that thou, being a Jew, askest a drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? For the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans. Jesus answered and said unto her, if thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, give me to drink, thou wouldst have asked of him, and he would have given thee living

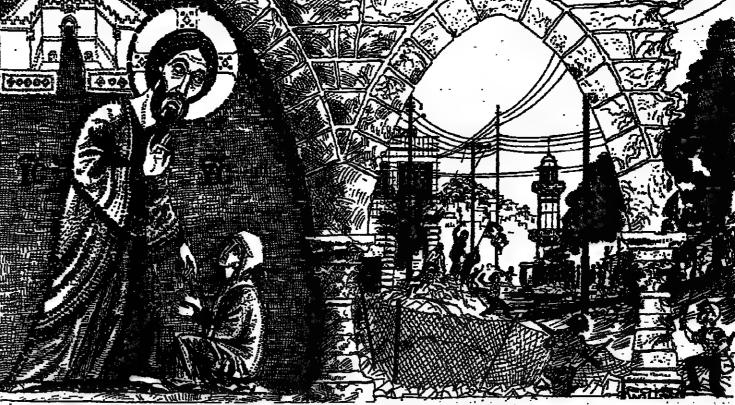
The Samaritan woman's astonishment at finding a Jew in Schechem (Nablus) is testimony to the tensions which existed then, as now. Then, the conflict was between the Jews and the Samaritans, who had broken away from mainstream Judaism. Jesus knew he was entering hostile territory (he even sent James and John ahead as scouts). Nowadays, the Samaritans are a tiny sect.

The present conflict sets Muslims against Jews and sometimes Jews against Christians. "My predecessor here was murdered inside the church by Jewish extremists who think the site should be under Jewish, and not Christian, control," recalls Father Mamalos, rather coolly in the circumstances. He keeps no weapons for self-defence, but his Arab assistant has a pistol in a drawer just in case. Jewish settlers near Nablus also keep weapons - for

defence against Arabs.

To while away the past two years, the monk — a trained icon painter — has painted the refectory windows with a magnificent series of colourful biblical scenes on glass which will no doubt one day become a tourist attraction in themselves. Now and then, just to make sure the well itself is still functioning after thousands of years, he winds up the bucket the 126ft to the top, and drinks the water before letting the bucket spin down again. It takes a while to hit the bottom. ("The well is deep," the Samaritan woman observed to Jesus.) Piles of bottles of holy water remain unsold.

The few descendants of the biblical Samaritans still live nearby, but the intifada has made it difficult to visit them, too. The Samaritans number 545 souls (an increase from 414 20 years ago), most in Nablus and some on the coast at Helon, near Tel Aviv. To the Jews, the Samaritans remain schismatics; they worship in a synagogue, use Hebrew scripture, and observe strict kosher rules, but speak Arabic as a daily language. They claim to be descendants of Levi, the son of Jacob, and believe that when the Israclites returned from Egypt the Jewish Temple was set up not in Jerusalem, but on Mount Geruzim, just outside Nablus. Mount Geruzim, they say, was the real site of Abraham's sacrifice of



Isaac, and it is still the place where Samaritan priests sacrifice lambs during Passover. Because of the da, Mount Geruzim - which offers spectacular views, to the Mediterranean one way and to the Jordan Valley the other, has become even more important to

the Samaritans as a place of refuge. Some holy places, unlike those in radical Nablus, have remained fully accessible, most notably those in "Israel proper" - that is to say, the Israel formed in 1948, rather than in the contested territories of the West Bank and Gaza, occupied in 1967. Lake Galilee, where Christ gathered the disciples together ("I shall make you fishers of men") is in Israel, as is the Mount of Beatitudes above the lake. Also in Israel, and safe to visit, are Nazareth (although the Israeli Arabs who inhabit the town are growing more "political"), Cana nearby, and Mount Tabor, the presumed size of the Transfiguration ("He was transfigured before them, and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light").

Tourists are now returning to the holy sites in Jerusalem itself, above all the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in the Arab Christian quarter, built over the traditional site of Christ's crucifixion and burial. Other focal points for visitors include Muslim shrines such as the Golden Dome of the Rock, and Jewish holy places such as the Wailing Wall. Many Israelis are afraid to enter the Arab part of the Old City, because of anti-Jewish violence in its narrow

streets. Similarly, they shun the Mount of Olives and the Garden of Gethsemane, just beyond the Old City walls across the Valley of Kidron, partly because the adjoining Arab villages are intifada "hot spots". But coachloads of Western tourists and pilgrims still visit these scenes of Christ's agony and ascension, and on the whole find the local Arabs more eager to sell them trinkets and freshly squeezed orange juice than cause them grievous bodily harm.

> It is on the West Bank that tourism has suffered 14 APR most. The Tomb 1990 of Abraham at SRAE

Hebron, like Jacob's Well at Nablus, sees comparatively few visitors nowadays, despite jolly, colourful and surreal brochures produced by the Jewish settlers which make no mention of their violent confrontations with local Arabs. Even Bethlehem, 10 minutes drive out of Jerusalem, bas become a "sensitive" area because of the intifada, and tour guides check local conditions carefully before taking their charges to the Church of the Nativity, Manger Square, or nearby Shepherds Fields, where the coaches used to line up bumper to bumper, but where lonely Franciscan and

The oddest West Bank holy place is the bend on the River Jordan, near Jericho, where Jesus

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Greek Orthodox priests now sit

and wait for the occasional pil-

is said to have been baptized by John the Baptist. Surrounded by mines and barbed wire, it is only accessible once a year, under armed escort, for a religious service. Ever resourceful, tour operators have developed an "alternative" baptismal site, where the Jordan flows into Lake Galilee, safety inside "Israel

If the Arab uprising continues, could more such "alternative" sites floorish? After all, the "tradition" which fixes the scene of this or that biblical event is already notoriously flexible. Few sites are as authentic as Jacob's

The "Room of the Last Supper", or Cenacle, on Mount Zion in Jerusalem is a Crusader construction, with splendid Gothic arches to prove it. The Monastery of the Cross, on the place (then outside Jerusalem, now near the Knesset) where the tree used to make Christ's cross was supposedly cut down, was built in the 11th century. Some guides even like to point out the tree on which Judes Iscariot hanged himself after betraying Jesus, although the tree they pick varies each time.

But then, many of the holy places derive from an oral tradition which was given concrete form either by the Roman Emperor Constantine (who with his mother, the Empress Helens, fixed the sites of Christ's birth and death), or much later by the Crusaders. Some traditions go back only as far as the 19th century: the "Garden Tomb", near the Damascus Gate in east Jerusalem, was for many years held by Anglicans to be Golgotha (Place of the Skull), because in 1883 the imaginative and ro-mantic General Gordon noted that it not only had a shall-like appearance but lay "outside the city walf". Alas, the present massive city walls are loth-century Ottoman creations.

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Some find these uncertainties disturbing, and say that the disappointment they experience undermines belief. But Father Jerry Murphy O'Connor, Dominican priest, author of The Holy Land and the leading expert of biblical archaeology in Jerusalem, argues persuasively that those whose faith is shaky would lose it anyway, whereas those looking for spiritual refreshment rather than crude proof will come away strengthened. There is, Father Murphy O'Connor says, at best a "high degree of probability" that Christ's tomb does indeed he under the Church of the Holy Sepulcine, for example. What matters, he argues, is faith: "The places have spiritual value simply, because hundreds of thousands of people thought it worthwhile risking death over the centuries to pray at them." Some sites may be out of reach because of the intifada, but tourists and pilerims will still want to visit the numerous other available boly places where they cannot only take photographs and buy postcards in safety, but also reflect on the roots of belief.

FARMYARD DIARY Paul Heinev

Coming to life

THERE is a gradual re-awakening for years, the soil is richer and taking place on the farm, and it is blacker and as nourishing as nothing to do with the spring. I see Christmas pudding. But where the it on the edge of the old mangers: dusty and dull when we first came, but now licked smooth and shiny by horses' lashing tongues. Carthorses seem to know when work is coming, they will stand idly in their stalls until they hear the rattle of the approaching harness chains, then start to hunt for the final fortifying grain of food. It is the horse's equivalent of one for the road.

Around the fields our carttracks are already changing. Tractors leave two deep tyre-ruts behind them with a mound between, but the repeated plod of a heavily shod carthorse wears away the ground down the middle of the track, leaving a shallow gully. Much easier for walking, and better for getting rid of rainwater,

too. We shall appreciate it in the winter when muck has to be carted from the farmyard to the fields.

Gates and barndoors that creaked with age have re-sponded to regular exercise and groan no more; gutters, freed of 30 years' worth of rotting autumn leaves, now chuckle to themselves when the rain comes. If you think of

our farm as a rusty old machine. I feel we have at least given it the first drop of oil. But something is

realize exactly what it is. We do not have any gulls following the plough.

Now, gulls are to newly turned furrows what young girls are to pop groups: they scream. But no gulls follow me: it can't be just the mild weather. The answer lies in the soil. Gulls

do not follow the plough out of some desire to live up to a chocolate-box representation of the countryside. They do it for food. They swoop down, squabble encouraging the precious worms and pluck fat, succulent worms whose world has been turned upside down by the plough. If you have no worms, you get no gulls. No worms mean dead soil, so gulls and living soil go together.

Some of our soil is very dead, and you can tell it from the colour. On smaller fields, old pastures where animals grazed and dunged their seal of approval.

earth has been beaten into submission by the combined assault of heavy machinery and chemical feeding, it just sits there disabled. waiting to be fed.

As I understand it, intensive agriculture feeds the growing plant by applying nourishment in emical form; organic farming feeds the soil beneath, by applying farmyard manure or compost. The plant then feeds from the enriched soil, as naturally as a baby at its

mother's breast. A lot of modern farmers know that what they are doing to the soil is wrong, and resent having to do it: a neighbour told me that every few years he needs several more horsepower from his tractor to pull the same plough through the same fields. The soil is dying,

giving up the struggle. He knows it, but he has to pay the bills: the economics of modern farming do not leave much room for charity. My present act

of charity begins in a field where we are ploughing with a view to planting clover. Clover is a crop whose ability to fix invigorating nitrogen in the soil has made it the darling of the organic farming movement. If you follow a field of clover with a crop of corn, the corn

won't need any not quite right, and it has taken me many miles of furrow-walking to fertilizer. Or so the theory goes.

And there is further value in it: clover becomes sweet hay, best made by the gentle, unhurried movement of horse-drawn farm machinery. Modern haymaking gear grabs it, throws it, and shakes off the leaf where much of the goodness lies. In the gentle caress of our slow and solid pre-war machinery, leaf and stalk make their way to the haystack together.

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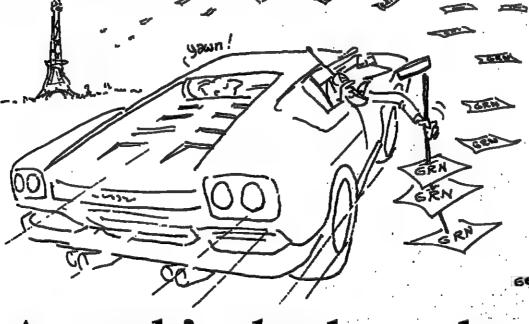
to turn and aerate the soil. If we have ploughed well and given the seed a good bed in which to lie, we shall have a good crop. But the tallest stack of the finest hay would not be as sweet to me as the thought that next year, the gulls might find our furrows worthy of their attention. We need

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And when the hay is taken, the

clover is ploughed under to release

its natural fertilizer, rotting and



A week's shadow play

ast week, I was an accountant. Not a workall-day, study-all-night sort of accountant, more of a big office, fast car, expensive lunch sort of accountant. Perhaps you could handle a bit of this yourself.

It is called workshadowing, and involves following a senior person around for a week, watching them work; in my case, Nigel Llewellyn at Touche Ross. Nigel spent many years working hard at Touche, passing his exams (first time, of course) and climbing all the way up the promotion ladder to the exalted position of partner. He sees a lot of complicated cases, meets a lot of powerful people and spends a lot of time on the telephone to Paris.

For a week, I met everyone he met, read every document he read and eavesdropped on all his calls (although I don't speak French). The main story involved a company which was bought by a rival. When you or I sell something, we say: "You can have it for a fiver." What these guys tend to say is: "You can have it for its valuation as determined by an audit after you take control, plus a few million for the existing customers." Of course, when the audit is done, the two sides disagree on the odd million here and there; so you have one side accusing the other of showing a. little initiative on the accounting side, and the other side saying they're honest and can prove it, and "how dare you?". This kind of mess keeps accountants and law-

yers in the style to which they are

Rob Findlay goes workshadowing,

and finds the life of a top City accountant is

not for him I spent ages ploughing through paperwork on this sort of deal, so

for a bit of variety I popped down the next day to see the annual audit being done for a different client. Believe it or not, some people love to spend the most creative years of their lives chasing bits of paper, haggling over how the stock was counted and checking goods-received notes (predictably referred to as GRNs) against invoices. That was my vision of accounting before workshadowing, and it still is now. Each to their own. When I told Nigel what a boring day I'd had, he said I was only the third person he had ever knowingly put off audit. That night I dreamt of creepy workshadows murmuring breathily: "Oh yes, Nigel, it was simply wonderful. Audit really is my

On Thursday, we went to see an out-of-town client, and I had the fascinating opportunity to shadow a partner in the act of visiting the hairdresser. He had been sinking back to his hippy roots, ca-couraged by his wife, I think, and

had sunk so far that he even had to borrow a tenner from me to pay for the haircut. The day degenerated further when it turned out that our client was a school. Green teacups and a strong smell of boy summoned up ghosts of my own schooldays. I remembered seeing meetings like the one I attended with the headmaster, governors and accountants sitting around a large table. I had believed they were talking earnestly and wisely about matters great and good; another cherished myth exploded.

To round the week off, the final afternoon was a high-level meet-ing with another client's finance director and senior accountant. It was inspiring to watch the tactics and strategy being planned for a forthcoming eyeball-to-eyeball confrontation with a commercial partner. Figures and evidence were produced and discussed in calm, assertive voices. Nigel's smooth, professional manner remained intact, despite the fact that his fountain pen was leaking a massive ink stain all down his shirt front. The Equity card is in

What I did not see, and did not miss, was the arrogant yuppic image so often attached to accountancy. Instead, I found a friendly, supportive and constructively critical environment. I liked the environment, but I felt that the iob was not for me. As Nigel said, it is better to find that out now, not after joining as an accountant.

If you want to try workshadowing, contact your Student Industrial Society or Careers Service.

Rob Findlay is a postgrachiate student at Jesus College, Cambridge.

Ripe for reform

Last week's National Union of Students conference underlined the problems with its

present structure — but there is hope

From Jonathan Murphy, Westfield College, University of

STEPHEN Twigg, the new president of the National Union of Students, faces a problematical 12 months attempting to devise a united campaign on issues such as education and housing, while withstanding the pressure of allegations that the student union

movement is undemocratic. In its efforts to portray itself as a democratic organization, NUS was again hijacked at conference by too many pressure groups fighting for single issues. It is not surprising to hear people com-plain of the unrepresentative na-ture of the union. In trying to represent the masses, it falls into the trap of being dominated by

But there are glimmers of hope. Anyone looking for reassurance on reforms should have confidence in Stephen Twigg. He has stated that restructuring will be one of the future priorities. It was a triumph that reform should even be discussed at conference in the face of hard-left bullying. The debate featured progressive ideas, such as trimming down numbers on the executive body. The encouragement of regional autonomies would make the union more

answerable to its students. The Tory Reform Group would be better served by allying itself with the soft left, rather than bleating about double dealing and conspiracy. I doubt whether the coming year will bring many more attempts at disaffiliation since, apart from Southampton, these referendums merely provide NUS with a vote of confidence.

From Matthew Turmaine, vice chair, Birmingham University Conservative Association/CCF

IN THE article "Left trots back at Blackpool" (April 7), much was left unsaid. I attended the NUS conference, elected as a Conservative at my university. I shall not be going back next time.

NUS is dominated by the hard left. This is unrepresentative of students in general. An indication of this is that at Birmingham only one candidate standing on a political platform was elected on first preference votes; myself Labour came last.

I believe it is important that by NUS. At Blackpool some of the views were that market the voice of mainstream Conserthese views were that market vative students.

forces had caused the King's Cross disaster, that NUS had brought down the Old Regime in Romania and that the media had lied about the poll tax riots and followed the Conservative Party line.

Delegates at the conference were

intimidated. Attempts to express & moderate opinion were often attacked. For example, one delegate stated that some people were not prepared to face the legal consequences of not paying the poll tax. He was shouted off the stage. Disaffiliation campaigns should be encouraged even though they are difficult to win. We had one at Birmingham recently. The first reason why it was defeated is that most students are unaware of what NUS is really like. This causes them to believe that NUS must be good for students. Second, NUS pumps thousands of pounds into fighting disaffiliation attempts. When will the Government end

From Timothy Hailes, student chairman, Tory Reform Group I bave read recent Campus colnmus (March 31, April 7) with interest, particularly Alex Ailen's comments that "Conservative sta dent activists tend to be on the Thatcherite wing of the Party".

this closed shop? Soon, please.:

Conservative students involved in the moderate Tory Reform Group will find such claims as offbeat as they are inaccurate. The majority of Conservative voters on campus do not support such ludicrous notions as privatization of the judiciary or the destruction. of student organizations through voluntary membership:

It is precisely because the Conservative Collegiate Forum is a stamping ground for the loony right that the Tory Party on campus is equated in student perception with the extremists of the bard left.

From Bertram O'Dwyer, York 🦈 University

The suggestion of reform of the OCF to change its character and reduce its influence (March 31) shows one-nation Conservatives for what they are wet and devoid of original thought. CCF is not without its problems — but the Tory Reform Group is not one of them. As long as we have new ideas to the country on how to extend individual freedom and

LONGON EASTER PARADE BEST ADDATE parade in Britain --77 floats, marching bends, cheerleaders, fun-fair, jazz and children's theatre. Batterese Park, Loodon SW11. Tomorrow. Entertainments from 12.30pm, parade from 3pm.

WITERNATIONAL MODEL MAKEWAY EXHIBITION: Specialized model railway. exhibition — 130 stancs, record number of layouts, models, kits and tools. Complimentary bus service from Victoria Station, £2 discount with valler British Rail

Royal Horticultural Society Halls, Westminster, London SW1. Today, tomorrow, Mon., 10.30am-6pm; Tues, Wed, 10.30am-8pm; Thurs, 10.30am-5pm, Adult 25, child five-15 23, tamily ticket (two adults and two children) 215.

EASTER AT THE SCIENCE MUSEUM: Giant Easter egg plus egg-making wortshops, bubble and papermaking demonstrations, radio room workshop. Also "Food for Thought" — demonstrations, question and

answer sessions, recipe sheets.
Also "Art and Science of Lego"
exhibition, and drama
presentations relating to some
of the museum's most historic Science Museum, Exhibition Science Museum, Exhibition, London Road, South Kensington, London SW7 (01-938 8000), Today, Mon, 10am-Spm; tomorrow, 11am-Spm. Adult 22.50, child 21.

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HARNESS HORSE PARADE: Annuel outing for heavy horses.
Veterinary inspections from
9.30am, followed by judging of
classes and grand parade of
winners from noon to 1pm.
Regent's Park, Inner Circle,
London NW1. Mon. Free. EASTER FAMILY ACTIVITIES AT THE HISTORIC ROYAL PALACES: Three on Monday: at Kensington Palace State Apartments, London W8 (01-937 9561), Kew Palace, Kew Gardens (01-940 3321), and at Hampton Court Palace, East Molesey (01-977 8441): Easte egg hants at all venues, 10.30em-12.30pm and 2-4pm. Tues, same times at Hampton Court, beasts and bedges trail, followed by a coat of arms workshop. Places for this ted on first come, first served

basis. Meet Buttery Kitchens. All events 50p on top of normal admission. EASTER IN COVENT GARDEN Today, noon to 5pm, games and workshops for children with the Easter clowns, plus "Help a London Child" grand charity fluction with the Capital Radio cruiser and show business take your own eggs for peinting competitions. Mon, 2-4pm, Easte bonnet competition — meterials provided — followed by an Easter

bornet parade and charity auction of a plant Easter egg. Covent Garden, London WC2. WEST SOHO EASTER PESTIVAL: Alternative arts presentation with music, morris dancers, pupperbers and street entertainers — including clowns, stit walkers and unicyclists. Cernaby Street and environs, London W1. Mon, 11am-5pm

Hunting for excitement

"FIFTY years ago, Easter was a fine time for children, not quite as splendid as Christmas, but fine all the same, with boiled eggs coloured with cochineal for breakfast, chocolate eggs hidden in the garden and wonderful presents from adoring friends and

So wrote Elizabeth Gouge in a children's story, "The Easter Bunny", which appeared in The Modern Gift Book for Children published by Odhams in 1948. Times have not changed much. This year there are Easter egg hunts up and down the country, some of which are listed below. In parks, gardens and castle grounds, the search for hidden eggs provides a double benefit for parents - keeping restless young legs on. the move with a promise of a treat at the end of the emercise. Other traditional Easter outings

include journeys at most steam railways, family entertainments in stately homes, museums, castles and country parks and seasonal openings of many country museums and farms. Many museums and arts centres will be providing workshops, talks and walks: throughout the coming weeks. Local Press and radio and the places themselves should be able to supply details.

EASTER-WEEKEND WALKS IN LONDON: Today, Reformation London – the Rise of the Protestant Cause; tomorrow, Thomas a Becket's London; Monday, Wren's Churches -rebuilding 17th-century London. (01-806 4325).

SPRING CRAFT FAIR: 150 craftsmen and women with demonstrations, entertainment, Judy shows. Licensed bar and refreshments. Fun-fair in grounds and excellent garden centre.

Alexandra Pelace, Wood Green, London N22. Today, tomorrow, Mon, 10.30am-5.30pm. Adult £3, child £1.50. LONDON ANTIQUES FAIR:

Large Easter fair with more than 200 exhibitors. Two main sections: one for the serious collector, with items to 1900 datelines, one with smaller, less expensive items to 1930. Ber, refreshments and car park. Wembley Exhibition Hall, Wembley, north London, Today, tomorrow, 11am-7pm; Mon, 11am-3pm. Adult £2, accompanied

BLACKHEATH EASTER KITE FESTIVAL: With the right breeze, the sky should be filled with hundreds of kites — fighting, stunt, teams. Trade stall and competitions. Take your own kite or just go along and watch.



Pearls of the parade: capture the carnival atmosphere in Battersea Park tomorrow, with floats, a fun-fair, bands and cheerleaders

EASTER RUN: Join the friendly Hash House Harriers in the Commoners Run — jolly, healthy and non-competitive. Ealing Common. Meet Ealing Common Underground station, Uxbridge Road, London W5. Today, 11am.

PUPPETS WORLD-WIDE:
Programme of Sims, performances
and workshops relating to the
pappets in the museum and in
performances. Also an art
workshop — sock puppets — 11am12.30pm and 2-4pm today.
Bettinal Green Museum of
Chiliftoni Commission Mostly Childhood, Cambridge Heath Road, London E2 (01-980) 3204). Mon-Thurs and Sat, 10am-5.50pm; Sun 2.30-5.50pm. Free.

OUT OF TOWN THE GREAT KILVERSTONE

The park is home to more than 650 animals — many belonging to species under threat in Latin and Central America. Proceeds from the Easter egg hunt to the bank's charitable trust and the West Suffolk Scanner appeal. Kilverstone Wildlife Park, near Thetford, Norfolk, Tomorrow, Mon, 10am-6pm. Adult 23, child four-

EASTER ANTIQUES FAIR AND ART EXHIBITION: Annual fair hald in the town hall and Spread Eagle Hotel (the historic conching inn once owned by John Fothergill). Lunches available. Thame, Oxfordshire. Today 10am-5orn.

JOUSTING TOURNAMENT: Penultimate chance to see the Jousting Association at Chilham before it moves to its new home at Tapeley Park. Grounds open 11am, tournament from 2pm. Also rear, tournament from 2012 Also falconry displays, licensed restaurant, free parking.
Chilham Castle, near Canterbury, Kent (0227 730704).
Tomorrow, Mon. Adult £4.50, child £2. Every third child admitted

EASTER STEAM-UP AT DIOCOT: Trains in steem

throughout the weekend, behind-the-scenes tours daily, noon-2.30pm, Easter egg hunt for children tomorrow, 2pm. Didcot Railway Centre, Didcot, Oxfordshire (0235 817 200), Today, tomorrow, Mon, 11am-5pm.
Admission today, adult £3, child £2.20; tomorrow and Mon, adult £3.50, child £2.30.

VICTORIAN EASTER AT VICTORIAN EASTER AT MANNOR FARM: Traditional customs and feetfwiles at the farm museum. Simmel cake, hot cross buns and other Easter food in the oki kitchen. Plus blacksmith and whoelvright at work, rare breeds of farm snamals, and a shire force. Tractor and pony rides around the farm. Mannor Farm, Upper Hamble Country Park, Bursledon, Hampshire (0489 787055). Today, tomorrow, Mon, 10am-5.30pm. Adult 21.50, ohist 80p. Family ticket (two adults plus up to three children) £4, parking £1.

EASTER AT THE WILD FOWL TRUST: Easter egg hunt every day with special prizes, plus an opportunity to see many birds getting ready to, or having already laid or hatched real eggs. Tomorrow and Mon, family days including outside activities. Wild Fowl at Wetlands Trust, Appeld Weet Succey (1909) Arundel, West Sussex (0903 883355). Today, tomorrow, Mon., 9.30am-6.30pm. Adult £2.70, child 21.70, plus 20p for egg

ZIPPO'S FAMILY CIRCUS: Victorian-themed "human" circus at Bodelwyddan. The troups presents one of the only non-animal touring shows in the

Bruttes tronning anome in the country.
Bodelwyddan Castle,
Bodelwyddan, Clwyd, Wales, Boxoffice (80745 584 060).
Tomorrow, Mon, Tues, 1.30pm and
4pm. Adult £2, child £1.50, family ticket (two adults plus three children) 25.80.

THE CHILDREN'S FARM: Opening for the season tomorrow, the 600-acra mixed working farm. For children, a rabbit village, miniature ponies and donkeys and a puppet theatre. For adults, woodland trails, coarse fishing and working blacksmith. For all, a tractor train and treasure hunt with metal detectors.

Great Kindle Farm. Seckley. Great Knelle Farm, Beckley, Rye, East Sussex (079 725 250). Tomorrow, Mon and then Sun to Fri (closed Sat). Daily 10.30arn-5.30pm, last admission 4.30pm. Adult 23, child £2.50. Admission last willow traces up hunt. SS

FESTIVAL: Leading puppet companies perform at local venues in and around Edinburgh at one of the largest puppet festivals in Britain. Shows for all

ages. Edinburgh, Main venue and further information see Netherbow Arts Centre, 43 High Street, Edinburgh (031 556 9579). Today until April 21.

CRAFTS ON THE FAILME Many young animals to be seen, a working display of the role of the horse on a country estate plus a wide range of crafts, demonstrations and sales. Family entertalments, morris dancers, working steam engines, local produce, refreshments and full icansad bar

Tatton Park, Knutsford, Cheshire. Today, tomorrow, Mon, 10.30am-4.30pm. Adult £1.10, child 50p, car-park £1.30.

OPEN AIR EASTER MUSEUM hurdle and spar-making, spinning, blacksmithing and milling plus amail exhibitions by Taste of Sussex — opportunity to sample and buy local produce. All historic buildings open as usual. Light refreshments. Weald and Downland Open Air Museum, Singleton, near Chichester, West Sussex (0243 63348). Today, tomorrow, Mon, 11am-5pm. Adult £2.80, child £1.25, family ticket (two adults plus two children) £7.50

DOLL AT LEIGHTON BUZZARD RAILWAY: The restored steam engine, Doll, built in 1919, hauts its first public passenger train through and around the historic town tomorrow. Many outings in the area, including combined railway and canal trips. Leighton Buzzard Railway Billington Road, Bedfordshire (0525 373888), Tomorrow, Mon trains from 11am. Adult £2.80, child

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HUNT: 5,000 small eggs hidden in
the grounds daily, with silver
and gold eggs winning prizes.
Leeds Castle, Maidstone, Kent
(0622 765400). Today, tomorrow,
Mon. Castle open from 11am,
egg hunts 2,30pm. Admission to castle and grounds, adult 23.70, child £2.20.

JOUSTING AT KNEBWORTH: Medieval entertainment with the Knights of Royal England, tomorrow and Mon. House, cardens, park and adventure playground open throughout. Knebworth House, Knebworth, Hertfordshire (0438 812661). Tomorrow, Mon, 11am-5.30pm. Jousts 2pm and 3.30pm. Adult £3.50, child £3.

otters in enclosures in near-natural picnic areas, heronry, wildfowl takes

Earsham, near Bungay, Suffolk (0986 893470). Daily, 10.30am-6pm. Adult £2.50, child £1.

WORKING WINDMILLS: There are numerous windmills in East Anglia restored to working order. Good examples are Berne Arms Mill, Norfolk (6m S of Acle off B1140 road), daily, 10am-6pm; Sutton Windmill, Norfolk (1m SW of Stalham on A149), the tallest mill in the country with new 73ft sails being made, Sun, Mon, 1.30-5.30pm; Thorpeness Windmill, Suffolk (2m N of Aldeburgh), Mon

EXHIBITIONS

BIG PICTURES: Two-part show of large First World War paintings from the museum's collection originally commissioned for the "Hall of Remembrance" which was never built, Imperial War Museum, Lambeth Road, London SE1 (01-735 8922). Daily, 10cm-80m.

KINGS IN CONFLICT: Power games in treland between James II and William of Orange, 1689-1702, set against a Europe dominated by Louis XIV. Major show, loars from France and the Netherlands Nativerlands. Uister Museum, Botanic

Gardens, Belfast (0232 381251). Sat, Sun, 1-6pm; Mon, 10amchildren under 18 £1.

HORSEY: Discover the army horse in Chelsea. Week of off-beat events from today; competitions, prizes. Come face to face with Marengo, skeleton of Napoleon's horse. National Army Museum, Royal Hospital Road, Chelsae, London SW3 (01-730 0717). Sat, 10am-5.30pm; Sun, Mon, 2-5.30pm. Free,

Gardens to visit, page 41

MOTORING CHALLENGE

On the road to recovery

The Peking to London convoy has completed its first week at the wheel -

without too many hitches. Graham Rock reports

he most welcome sight outside the Yngoslavia Hotel, Belgrade, on Thursday morning was the 1907 Simplex Speedster, the oldest car to start in the London to Peking Motoring Challenge.

On Tuesday evening, reports arrived that the Simplex had broken down in Austria, just short of the Yugoslav border. Spares and tyres were flown to elgrade, and the bright red vintage car has been restored to health. The Simplex offers its passengers no cover. Each morning the crew members

don leather gear from head to toe, adjust their goggles, and look for all the world as though they are about to take to the air and give the Red Baron a drubbi The first casualty of the challenge came just two hours after the convoy left London last Saturday, when the 1929 Bentley objected to the stress of 70 miles an hour, and expired in clouds of steam and smoke on the A2, less than half-way

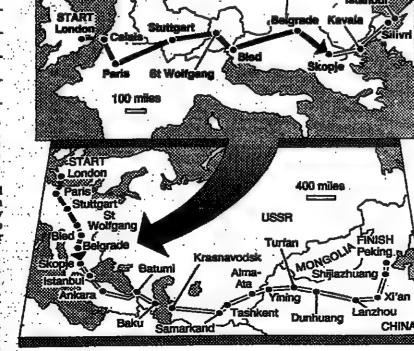
to Dover. The RAC recovered the vehicle, and the driver returned home, collected a Ford Sierra, and had caught up by the time the majority had reached The proceedings from Marble Arch went as planned, including a stop at 10

Downing Street to receive a letter of encouragement. To some extent the departure was dominated by the crew from Citilink, which set off in a bus bearing the green and yellow company colours. It was accompanied by outriders wearing matching uniform and, as the group roared off down Whitehall, it palpably upstaged some of the other

The Citilink team does not intend to rough it: the Mallard bus is fitted out with an abundance of creature comforts, including a shower, a fridge and a microwave oven, not to mention a substantial supply of familiar domestic comestibles, should the fare on offer later in the trip prove less than palatable.

From Paris, the challengers were. allowed to make their own way to Istanbul, but more than half opted for the chosen route, which goes through ittgart, St Wolfgang, Belgrade, Skopje, Kavala and Silivri, a few miles from the

With cars spread throughout Europe, has been difficult to chart the progress



of all, but it seems unlikely there will be any casualties before the group sets out

rough Turkey next week.
Colin Barrington and Graham Gleeson, from the West Country, were late out of Calais on their 1939 BSA and sidecar with a broken cable. Like the Simplex team, they arrived in the evening with cheeks the colour of raspberries.

If the mechanical problems have been few, one couple gave organizer Voyages Jules Verne a severe headache by arriving at Stuttgart without their passports, having left them in the Paris Hilton and then driven through an unmanned customs station at the German border.

Telephones rang, telexes chattered, faxes whired. A member of Jules Verne's staff took the documents to London, and another flew to Munich Airport to hand them over to their

epentant owners The Mercedes has performed impeccably, as one might expect. Sweeping along the autobahns, it is in its element, but the top speed of 137mph proved beyond reach. It might have been the strong headwinds, or the load we were carrying, but at 125mph the glare from the whites of my knuckles was blinding, and further

acceleration seemed reckless. Already we have become masters of attending receptions. These are scheduled to last at least half an hour, usually before dinner, so the optimum time to turn up is 15 minutes after the start. One drink can be made to last the

remaining duration: there are the ubiquitous television cameras and lights affording a spurious and brief fame, the official speeches, and then the self-conscious sidling away to dinner at the earliest decent opportunity.

Champagne was on offer at Reims, en route from Paris to Stutteart, and again at the Weisses Rossi hotel in St Wolfgang, Austria. White Horse Inn was filmed in this ornate village, although when 20 or so of the motoring challengers blocked the town square, the language of a few local delivery drivers seemed a little out of harmony with the romance of the film.

the group has been spoiled with hospitalincluding at the Post Hotel, Aschheim, near Munich, where we were given a typical Bavarian breakfast, two white sausages, sweet mustard, pretzels and beer. It was not a patch on the plateful served up in the Little Chef near

Gravesend, though.

The only official engagement we missed was the tour of the Audi factory and car museum on Monday afternoon. could say that our absence was in deference to Mercedes, which has lent us a 300SE for the journey, but the truth was that we had a more pressing engagement at Munich airport.

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Rereading the Greek classics

more manifest attributes of London's "Greek", i.e. Cypriot, restaurateurs; nor, apparently, is it the first thing one thinks of in regard to Greece's Greek restaurateurs. The standard line is that the average taverna on Naxos or Crete has quite a bit to learn from the average taverna in Camden Town or Finsbury Park, and that the average taverna in Camden Town or Finsbury Park is not all that special. The ambition I'm referring to is specifically culinary: Cypriot restaurateurs are certainly not bereft of extraculinary ambitions. The boss of the Camden caff I most frequented in the Seventies had serious ambitions to make a million playing the ponies. It was not his fault that he had an unerring gift for backing nags that were dogs, and that he had eventually to sell up. Another's ambition, rashly but regularly revealed in the small hours after the best part of a bottle of Keo brandy, was never to come face to face with any of the former EOKA colleagues whom he had grassed on in 1957. And then there are those scores of kebab operatives who have ambitions to shake the hand of Harry Enfield, to see Pathenikos win the European Cup, to convert the British to a race of ouzo-fuelled, bouzouki-crazed plate breakers. It doesn't leave much time for improving the grub. The sceptic might consider that the grub is unimprovable, not because it's already superlative — come off it! but because any attempt to refine what are pretty basic dishes would de-nature them, and any attempt to prettify them would be risible. We don't expect minicab drivers to

wear chauffeur's uniforms. What lifts the Greek Valley far above the Camden Town or Finsbury Park mean is its kitchen's singular ability to render the standard repertoire in a form that is recognizable, but at a pitch of excellence that is without peer. There is no chef-trickery, but there is a chef as opposed to a cook,

someone who has intelligently re-thought the essentials of such habitually tired familiars as mousaka and kleftiko and dolmades, and has started from scratch, eschewing the formulaic norms. Eschewing, too, I'd guess, the usual suppliers — the ingredients here are of a marked freshness and assault by stale herbs is unknown. Equally pertinent, this chef is good by any measure, not just the dubious one of Cypriot custom; he possesses a technical competence that enables him to lighten just about everything he essays; his food is digestible and artery-friendly, one does not finish a meal with the sensation of having been shot up with a kilo of Trex.

Squid — not the sort that is indistinguishable from pencil erasers - is deep fried with real expertise and served with real lack of grease. Sausages are subtly herbed and cured, and do not belong to the usual run of lazy sub-charcuterie. A meatless bean stew is superior in flavour to the average bistro cassoulet. The pasty or empanad-illa-like "parcels" of meat and 'cheese are here done with short pastry rather than with filo. They're delicious, and so are the minced lamb sausages called kofte. Indeed, having eaten in the place about 10 times since it opened last autumn (it's near where I live - but I'd certainly make the trip even if it wasn't), I have yet to come upon a dish that isn't delicious. Because St John's Wood has a large Jewish population, the Greek Valley does not cook pork - so, no afelia, no sheftalia. But only the most churlish goy would begrudge the place its proscription. It's run with chatty amiability by a young woman and by a man with a prize-winning moustache and hairdo. The walls are hung with large and vigorous paintings of, presumably, Cypriot mountainscapes which have worrying chunks of low-relief rock appended to them. The selection of unresinated Greek wines is superior to that of its complacent rivals. But the remina is thin stoff, £32.



Rye, in common with Castle Combe, Broadway, Haworth, etc, is to be steered clear of this weekend. From a gastronomic point of view, villages-in-aspic and taxidermized towns are probably best steered clear of at any time by everyone save devotees of copper-panned tearooms and hotels with a heritage (often merely a heritage of hotel cooking and spray-on beams).

he Landgate Bistro in Rye is atypical, a cuckoo in the tourist nest. It comprises two knocked together buildings, one of which is faced with "mathematical" tiles, the

GREEK VALLEY 130 Boundary Road, London NW8 (01-624 3217) Lunch Sun to Fri, dinner every day. £32. Major cards. LANDGATE BISTRO **** 5 Landgate, Rye, East Sussex (0797 222829)

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late Georgian devices that simulatebrick headers and which, while not peculiar to East Sussex, are most often found there. The interior is older. It has beams (not spray-on) and bare brick walls and wellspaced tables with American cloth table-cloths. It is unfussy, straightforward and comforting. The same goes for the cooking which gets simple things right and does not bother with embellishment. It is not so finely executed as that at the Carved Angel in Dartmouth, with which it owns a generic kinship— but it is positively flavoured, and owes a debt to Elizabeth David (but, then, so does nearly everything worthwhile in British restauration -

mean it owes a direct debt). The key — well, one of them — to this sort of cooking is the curtailment of fantasy. The chef resists the temptation to inscribe a stylistic signature" on the food, and this is for the good. And it is pleasant to come upon a provincial establishment which does business in midweek because of its cooking rather than because of its peripheral adornments. It recognizes that there is more to restauration than trying to impress businessmen trying to impress each other.

The menu includes a chunky jambon persillė, a lovely leek and Roquefort tart of melting egg custard and melting pastry, a thin and powerful fish soup which is perhaps too insistently flavoured by celeriac. This soup also forms the base of a stew of several white fishes, a stew that further comprises potato, carrot and fennel sprigs; this is a copious dish, and if the fish is slightly over-cooked, that pygmy error is more than compensated for by the quality of the aioli served with it. This is made with a heavy, green, perhaps Greek, olive oil and is a truly butch item. So, too, is a meaty leg and breast of duck in a well-made lime sauce which stays just the right side of tertuess. Wellbutchered lamb is done with a tomato and basil sauce. Vegetables are offered a la carte; this is a sensible practice which ought to be more widely pursued. They included a sweetish swede and carrot purée and fairly deceat mash. weets were out of the question The wines are well chosen and

ungreedily marked up. £50.

Stars — up to a maximum of 10 — are for cooling rather than swags and chandeliers. Prices are for a three-course meal for are for a pre-charge an aperitif and modest wine in the case of French places, tea in the case of oriental ones and so on. Prices change: they usually go up. Dishes also may have changed — they are given only as an indication of the establishment's repertoire. I accept no responsibility for disappointments and claim no credit for happy surprises. Always phone first. J.M.

STEAK AND CHIPS

Quite St Quentles Yeoman's Row, Brompton Road, London SWS (01-581

One of the largest restaurants in London and based, decoratively, on one of the largest in Paris, La Coupole, However, it is not a brasserie, but a steak and chips count when the review standard issue brown items such as fole gras-terrine. Within its too-narrow limits it is acceptable, but it seems to be an opportunity missed, 272.

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Congenial bistro frequented by carmivore surgeons from Sarts. Plans beef and stack are fine, the more suborate dishes are a bit of a let-down. Good sweets. £50. ★★★ 280 West End Lane, Landan

NW6 (01-435 5290) High-class steak and chip joint. The craps are offered in two widths wild are both very good indeed; so, too, let the exect. The more amplifications daily specials are less appearing. Friendly services, lass possible.

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t is make or break time in the business that offers breaks in the country. A lot of country hoteliers ambitions and years of hard work are going to end in a shower of estate agents' particulars and sales into corporate ownership.

"For sale" signs are already up on some of the finest resting places in the country. At Hintlesham Hall, near Inswich, Ruth and David Watson are looking for offers in excess of £7.5 million for their peach-coloured palace and its golf course; Kit Chap-man is leaving the Castle at Taunton; and Somerset Moore has sold Flitwick Manor in Bedfordshire.

Hunstrete House, near Bath, has also left private ownership, to be added to the all listed-building collection of Clipper Hotels, a company backed by the merchant navy officers' pension fund managers, Ensign Trust.

The origin of the country house hotel in Britain can be dated almost precisely to the day in 1952 when Brian Sack and Francis Coulson erested a sign near Ullswater announcing: "Sharrow Bay Country House Hotel". Now there are 200 country house hotels, and about three-quarters of them have opened in the past 10 years, involving an invest-ment of at least £180 million. There are plans for another 100 or so country house hotels and leisure complexes still on the drawing boards. It has become an extremely competitive industry.

"We have," says Martin to £160,000 Skan, who has made Chewton per bedroom. Glen at New Milton a market leader, "been hit with a double whammy." Mr Skan is spending £5 million giving his hotel an indoor swimming pool, two indoor tennis courts, a health centre and gym, larger bedrooms and suites, and a rooms and a new conference centre. He turnoyer of foresaw high interest rates, he just more says. What he could not than £1 milforesee was how the uniform lion a year, business rate would hit £150,000 is I Chewton Glen. "I reckoned the top whack



For sale: Hintlesham Hall. The owners are hoping for offers in excess of £7.5 million

are apt to be sinks for money rather than goldmines of want to be cosseted with profit. A report by Green Belfield-Smith, the Touche food. Ross hotel consultancy, last The second group may be at year estimated that dev-elopment costs in country subscribed, already. "If every house hotels _

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succeeds in his appeal, he says, sure facilities and take increas- airport in Esser, has just taken the rate and staff poll taxes are likely to put £10 a night on the price of a room.

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"super guest houses" where lence and comfort of the the owners personally wel-surroundings, country hotels come individual, rather than

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delivery of neighbouring barns which, with investment of another LI milion, will provide him with conference inclines. But he siys "I wouldn't be doing it if I was out in the Cotswolds. Interest rates have persuaded Bob Payton to postpone the fourth phase of his development of Stapleford Park, in Leicestershire: "I could have made much more money, no doubt, putting my money into res-

there would not be anybody left in the end, says Ruth
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Lamb is a traditional favourite at this time of year. Frances Bissell suggests some ways to give zest to an Easter feast

associated with springtime in a culinary and a featured in ancient Chinese spring rituals, as well as the Jewish Passover and Christian, Greek and Russian Orthodox Easter festivals. Lamb for Easter is . one of those culinary traditions which still seems to be holding strong, judging by the amount of it available in the shops. Asda is selling new season's lamb from the Dorset breed, which is tender and full of flavour. Marks & Spencer has fresh, not chilled or frozen, New Zealand lamb which is very good too..

Mediterranean flavours are the ones which immediately spring to mind as the appropriate partners for lamb - garlic, lemon, rosemary. olives, olive oil, tomatoes. But it is more versatile than that Lamb is excellent served with tender young vegetables and new potatoes, or with a bowl of flageolets or white beans, or, indeed, lentils.

Although usually roasted, there are other ways of cooking a leg of mb. I have decided to peach the Paschal lamb, and serve it not with Mediterranean trimmings but some good old-fashioned English sauces. I have discovered that my fish kettle will just hold a slimmish whole leg of lamb; otherwise I, would have to divide it into shank and fillet end, and cook them

The idea for lemon-flavoured pesta came from Andrew Cavaciutti, who makes all the fresh pasta in our local deli in north London. Some days he makes smoked salmon ravioli. One day I saw him making lemon fusilli. Making pasta at home is an enjoyable pastime if you have the space, the inclination and, of course, the time. It is not as quick as opening up a packet of spagnetti, but it does not actually take as much time as you might think. I would allow an hour or so. Once mastered, it opens up a whole range of new ideas for making coloured and flavoured pasta, using saffron, becaroot, tomato, spin-ach, squid ink, herbs, spices, cocos, for example. And then there are all the infinite varieties of fillings for raviolis and tortellouis, which means you are not restricted to the usual spinach and ricotta. Try bine cheese and walmus, smoked salmon and cream, scallop roe, crabment and chicken with berbs. But first try this wonderfully flavoured pasta.

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Home-made lemon pasts (Serves 4) 10oz/280g strong white flour

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A time for tenderness

Make the dough either by hand or in a food processor. For the first method, heap up the dry ingredients and make a well in the top.

Slide in the eggs and lemon oil or zest, and work in the flour gradually with the fingertips until thoroughly mixed. Knead to a smooth dough, working on a

If using a food processor, simply put all the ingredients in the bowl and process, in short bursts, for 30 seconds or so. The texture will be crumbly but soft. Scoop it all together, and form it into a ball. Cover with clingfilm, and let it rest in a cool place for 15

Cut off a piece of dough about the size of an egg, and roll it out as thinly as possible, about the thick-ness of a 20p piece. If using a pasta

machine that rolls and cuts, but the rolled piece to one side while you roll out the rest of the pasta. By now the first piece of rolled pasta will be dry enough for you to feed through the cartier; hang the strands up or loosely carl them into nests

until you are ready to cook the

This is such a delicately flavoured pasts that the simplest sauce will be the best. I would heat some extra virgin olive oil with a little crushed garlic, some halved, stoned Nicoise olives, and stir this into the cooked pasta with plenty of fresh shredded

If you really do not feel like making your own pasts, the lemon flavour can still be achieved by heating the lemon zest or oil with the above ingredients and stirring it into cooked pesta.

Posched leg of lamb (Serves 8 to 8) Alb/1.80kg leg of leanb

2 bay leaves 1 onion, stuck with half a dozen

parsiey stalks 1 carrot, peeled and sliced 1 small turnip, peeled and sliced 1 Mark, washed and alload

1 cellery stalk sait and pepper

Trim and tie the leg of lamb to hold it in shape. Fill a large saucepan with water, and add the seasonings. Bring to the boil, and put in the leg of lamb. When the water comes back to the boil, turn the heat down to the lowest possible simmer, and poach for one hour (15 minutes per lb). Remove

the lamb from the pot, and put it to rest in a warm place for 10 to 15 minutes before carving.

There are any number of ways to embellish this simple dish with sauces and garnishes. One I like very much is caper sauce, which can be made as an old-fashioned roux of flour and butter moistened with the lamb juices and a little thin cream, into which you stir two or three tablespoons of capers.

Laver sauce is a traditional accompaniment to lamb in Wales - its rich iodine flavour and dark silky textures make a wonderful contrast with the meat. Laver is usually sold ready cooked. To make a simple sauce, heat about half a pound of laver with a knob or two of butter and a pint of lamb stock and season to taste.

Onion sauce goes well with lamb, whether roasted or poached. To

make it, chop the onions coarsely, cover with milk, and add a bay leaf and two cloves. Simmer until the onions are tender, and then rub through a sieve and mix with some soft white breadcrumbs and, if necessary, a little more hot milk. Season the sauce with a little nutmeg if you like.

Stuffed vegetables are a tasty way of using up good quality leftovers and provide an alternative to moussaka or shepherd's pie. I like to mux the cooked meat with bulgour wheat instead of rice for a change

(Serves 4) %fb/230g cooked lamb, minced or

%lb/340g cooked bulgour wheat 2oz/60g finely chapped onion

20z/60g lightly toested pine nuts or flaked almonds 20z/60g raisins or chopped apricots, optional

finely chopped fresh mint to taste good pinch ground corlander salt and pepper 1 to 2 thsp extra virgin olive oil

Mix the ingredients together, and spoon into your chosen hollowed egetable. Place in an oiled roasting tin or ovenproof dish, cover with foil to prevent it burning, and cook in the top half of the oven at 180°C/350°F/gas mark 4 until the

A couple of years ago, I gave a recipe for an extremely, mouth-puckeringly lemony pie — the Shaker lemon pie. Today's is a much gentler version, but the Shakers would probably disown it. you'll have left over from the pasta dish. You can use the zestless lemons

(Serves 6; prepare the lemons the day before required) 3 or 4 thin-skinned lemons, about ½lb/340g weight

602/170g sugar

4 eggs

7oz/200g short pastry Peel the lemons, removing as much pith as possible. Slice them thinly, and remove the pips. Cover with sugar, and leave overnight. When ready to bake the pie, drain the lemony syrup into a bowl, and beat in the eggs. Line a 9in/23cm tart tin or quiche dish with the pastry, and bake blind for 12 minutes. Arrange the lemon slices in the pastry, and pour the egg mixture over them. Bake at 180°C/ 350°F/gas mark 4 for about 30 minutes or until the filling has set.

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THERE have been periodic scares concerning potentially harmful additives and chemicals used in wine production during the past decade (Jane MacQuity writes). The wine industry will always harbour the odd producer who, by dint of the quick winemaking route, may endanger his customers. There is also a des-perate need for an internationally accepted wine

additives standard. The latest wine additive care concerns wines exported to the US that have been found to contain traces of the lapanese fungicide procymidone produced by the Summono Chemical Com-pany. This fungicide has been widely used in Europe since 1977 to combat botrytis, mildew and other moulds with no apparent ill-effect.

The EC currently allows up to five parts per million of procymidone in wine, while the US insists on a procymidone level of only 0.02 parts per million. America's consumer watchdog, the Food and Drug Administration, has found procymidone before in foodstuffs. A FDA spokesman explained to me that wines entering the US are checked at random for illegal additives by the "Luke procedure method", which can detect about 150 different pesticides. This is how 11 wines with minimum procymidone levels of between 0.03 and 0.05 were

The FDA admits that: From the consumer standpoint this may be a lot of to-do about nothing, but we have to do this to assure ourselves and the American public that there is no major problem."

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rotectionist attitude, with the Americans bitting back after the EC ban on beef from cattle given growth hormones, safe warmer American climate los no need for fungicides such as procymidone.

This also explains why Beanjolais and Asti Spumaute are the chief procymidone offenders, healthy grapes with whole akins, free from moulds, are preferred for both wines. In order to produce these perfect grapes, French and Italian growers may well have been heavy-handed with their procymidone spraying

With two briefing meetings held recently between EC representatives and the FDA, there is still uncertainty as to whether a full blockade on French and Italian wines is in force. Some large wine export-ers to the US are already analysing the procymidene levels of their wines before shipment, as requested by the FDA; and are holding back any that do not meet the requirements. This is costly and time-consuming, but it looks as if it is the only solution to the procymidane problem.

Large French wine merchants; such as Georges Dubocuf from Beaujolais, already have the necessary procymidone-testing equip-ment in their own laboratories, but smaller concerns and growers will have to join the queue at their nearest local laboratory for the vital procymidone-free certificate. The delays could throw the French and Italian wine export industries into chaos.

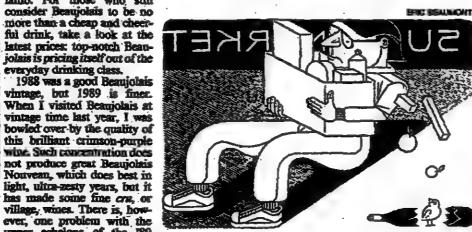
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| Chocolate eggs, hot cross buns, Beaujolais . . . Jane MacQuitty on Easter essentials

Coming out swer to hot cross burns not be as traditions at Easter as chocolate eggs, of its shell buns and simuel cake, but it is the classic partner for the first of the season's tender, fresh lamb. For those who still consider Beautolais to be no more than a cheap and cheer-



ever, one problem with the upper echelons of the '89 Beanjoksis. Many have just The Georges Duboeuf '89 Besujolais wines are just being been bottled and are going through that irritating bottle shock period, when their shipped to the UK, and last week I tasted 10 of the cru fruit and flavour is temporar-ily flattened, but they should wines. The best was the '89 Morgon (£5.89), whose firm, In the meantime, I shall still be celebrating Easter with a bottle or two of 89 Beanjolais. The Eventail des Vignerons full, blackberry and raspberry like fruit was delicious. Next in line was a handsome '89 Chénas, Domaine de la Combe Remont (£5.35), Producteurs, Beaujolais growwhose rich, full, beefy palate ers' group, continues to prohad plenty of ripe Gamay duce some of the most fruit. Almost as good is the softer black fruit of the '89 toothsome bottles. Eventail lets its growers get on with the Duboeuf Juliénas (£5.23), and important process of growing the flowery-fruity '89 Saint grapes and vinifying wine, Amour, Domaine du Paradis only helping when it comes to (£7.18). For the moment these wines are only available from the final processes of ageing and bottling. The two finest Berkmann Wine Cellars, 12 Eventail bottles I have tasted Brewery Road, London N7, this year are the glorious '89 but expect them on your high rrect shelves soon.

Fleurie, Domaine de Mont-genas, a full-bodied 13 per Despite the economic difficent offering, whose combinaculties experienced by Brittion of black and red summer ain's wine buyers that I fruits is what a great cru Beaujolais is all about mentioned last week, wine businesses are opening up all (Haynes, Hanson & Clark, 17 the time. The latest is Neville Lettice Street, London SW6, 1967 Las Event
Semillon-Chardons

£7.80, Majestic Wine Warehouses, £6.99). The *89 Morgon, Le Clachet from Georges Brun (HH&C, £5.99, Eldridge Pope outlets in the West Country, £5.35), with its seductive, ripe fruit, is almost as good. Anthony Hanson from Haynes, Hanson & Clark prefers my third Eventail choice, the '89 Julienas, Les Fouillouses from Andre Pelletier (HH&C, £6.05), and believes it could be the outstanding cuvee from Eventail this year. The bottle I tasted was a rich, ripe wine, but was muskier on the palate than I would have liked.

not produce great Beaujokis Nouveau, which does best in

village, wines. There is, how-

not take long to recover.

Blech of the Wine Treasury, better know as the proprietor of the Mijanou restaurant in

Pimlico, south London. The Wine Treasury's list includes a selection of Bordeaux and Burgundy. there are also wines from Italy, the Antipodes and California. At a recent tasting of the Treasury's wines, I thought the finest was an '87 Pinot Noir (£19.04, available in May) from a Sonoma winery in California that I had not heard of before. Williams Selvem is run by Burt Williams and Ed Selyem, whose winery is, apparently, a garage, and the fermenters, are second-hand milk tanks. This winery does not grow grapes of its own, but buys in fine parcels from all over Sonoma. There is little of this stun-

ningly pure Pinot Noir avail-able, with its scent of roses backed up by a moreish, rich palate and luscious, plummy fruit. Alternatively, you could

WINE BUYS

Haynes, Hanson & Cigrir, 17 Lettice Street, London SW6, 25.40; Les Amis du Vin, 19 Charlotte Street, London W1,

Hunter Valley. # 1963 Jean Lean Carbonnet Segvignor, Laymont & Shaw, The Old Chapel. Second, Truro, 28.50

ble in New South Wales'

This deficious, rich, ilme, lemon and butterscotch-like

mouthful comes from Len Evans's Rothbury Estate

Pesquera may have the reputation of being the greatest red wine in Spain, but this '83 Cabernat comes close to that title. Jean Leon is a Los Angeles restauration, but he must come home regularly to supervise the production of this smoky, casele-laden wine. a 1987 Wolf Blass Oak Minused Chardonnay, The Victoria Wine Company,

This daffodil-yellow, oak-aged Chardonnay has lots of vanilla and temon clove-like

try a fine Treasury red Bur-

gundy, the '86 Pommard, Les Saucilles from Jean-Marc Boillot (£14.95). The character

of this wine is richer and beefier than the California '87,

White wine drinkers need not feel left out, as the

Treasury has some excellent

white Burgundies. The '88 Pouilly Fuissé, Les Chailloux,

from the Domaine Leger-

Plumet (£10.63), is an elegant

alternative to costly Côte d'Or offerings, as is the '88 Pernand

Vergelesses from Rollin

(£11.06), with its leafy scent

and hazelnut-like taste.

Chardonnay fans should not forget California's '87 Stag's

Leap Chardonnay (£12.19), whose rich, buttery-herbaceous style is, because of the

sunnier climate, a luscious

and full-bodied mouthful.

Contact the Wine Treasury at 143 Ebury Street, London SW1 for further details. Wine

is only sold by the case. Delivery costs £4 within the

radius of the M25, £8 for the

rest of England, and £12 to Scotland. Six cases or more

If you are on the look-out

for last-minute Easter wine

purchases, nip into your nearest branch of Peter Domi-

nic. The quality of many of its

wines over the past few years,

has not been good, but its

recent "Journey Around the

World" promotion shows that

it is trying. The latest country

to be featured is Spain and,

although the pair of Marques

de Murrieta riojas were nothing special, PD's Torres range

is worth attention. The '87

Tres Torres, Sangredetoro,

made from Garnacha and

Cariñena grapes, is a good buy

at £3.99, and its bright dam-

son and cherry fruit slips down easily. So does the elegant, citric '87 Gran Viña

Sol (£4.79), made from

Chardonnay and the local

of going to Spain this summer,

it is worth calling in at a

Thresher wine shop. From

now until May 9, customers

who spend £10 or more will be

offered a free return flight to

Spain from Gatwick or

Manchester to Malaga or

Murcia airports. The free

flight vouchers are available

only to customers who are

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Finally, if you are thinking

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Variety is staff of life

FOOD

ONE could be forgiven for thinking that the Lord's Prayer had been successfully modified to run: "Give us this day someone else's daily bread". For many shoppers, bread is no longer a dreary staple necessity, but an exciting matter of choice, (Robin Young writes). What shall we have today - cholla, Vogel's Swiss mixed grain, German Landbrot, Greek pitta?

I have, I admit, given up on British imitations of French bread, which seem to equal the loaves one would find in French hypermarkets, but never those that come from village bakeries. I am, though, enamoured of Marks & Spencer's ciabana - a flattish Italian loaf prepared with an enriching dose of olive oil. It is available from 60 stores around the London area and is identical to that sold in some of Soho and Islington's best Italian provision stores.

When one thinks of the dreadful rolls served in most Italian trattorias, and the sterile grissini breadsticks which were all most of us knew about Italian bread a few years ago, the success of the Italian London bakeries, Il Fornaio, under the St Pancras railway arches, and La Fornaia in West Acton, is all the more remarkable and welcome.

The success of ciabatta in the London area is phenomenal. It is, in fact, the only survivor of a range of Conti nental speciality breads with which Marks & Spencer was experimenting, but it has proved so popular that it is now available in roll form and as a ready-to-bake loaf. Its appeal is surely that it is

a traditional peasant-style bread, baked on a commercial scale and rushed not in the production, but only in the distribution. It is baked in the small hours of the morning to be fresh on the shelves at opening time, which is why it is not yet available nationwide, yet its worth is, to me at least, only emphasized by its usefulness when stale - for frying with garlic and making Tuscan bread soups, for example.

catering accommodation in certain apartments. Further Most of the sliced bread details from Jayne Bridges, which comes into our house Thresher, Sefton House, 42 ends up being fed to ducks and Church Road, Welwyn blackbirds. They do not, I Garden City, Hertfordshire. notice, get any ciabatta.



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Anthony Quinton on the heretical philosophy of W.V. Quine, engagingly expounded in a new volume

A t 81, W. V. Quine of Har-vard retired, if only in an administrative sense, as one of the most admired and discussed of philosophers in the Englishspeaking world. He has done more than anyone to loosen the hold of the variously amorphous lexicographic manner of doing the subject shared by Wittgenstein, Ryle and Austin, Until about 1960 American philosophers came over here to sit at their feet, or where their feet had been. Now, largely thanks to Quine, the traffic is mainly in the other

That is not to say that his doctrines are all that widely accepted; they are far too bold to be modated in a hurry. But they have been magnetic enough to command attention and to set much of the agenda of discussion for these last three decades,

Although strikingly innovative, Quine did not emerge from the outer margins of the discipline. He began, like Russell, and as a close student of Russell's work, as a mathematical logician, and wrote his first four books in that capacity. Philosophically he was closest to Carnap, the most scientistic of the scientifically minded logical positivists. He agreed with Carnap that the main business of philosophy is the analysis of science, that is to say

Pure thought applied to the art of science

which it is based on the evidence of the senses, and the interpretation of the language in which its findings are expressed. He also agreed that mathematical logic is the proper

instrument for the work of analysis. Within this framework of agreement he then proceeded to exciting heresy. First he rejected the idea, at least as old as Hume and Leibniz, that there is a sharp distinction between truths of fact, justified by observation, and conceptual truths, susceptible of proof by reasoning alone. He argued with invincible ingenuity that the truths of logic and mathematics are just part of the overall fabric of science, and that they differ from the rest only in our reluctance to abandon them when some recalcitrant experience requires us to make some adjustment to the system of our beliefs. In the same spirit, he went on to assert that our theories cannot be under-

stood as abridgements or sum-

maries of experience, since experi-

ence never rules out any particular

PURSUIT OF TRUTH By W. V. Quine Harvard, £13.95

belief, it only prompts us to make some revision or other.

A host of other new thoughts followed. Ontology, anathema to Carnap, was reinstated in a purer, more rigorous form. Quine took it to show that if we are to use mathematics in science - as we must if we are to have any science at all - we must admit the existence of some abstract entities, namely classes, irreducibly mentioned in the set theory from which mathematics can be derived. I shall not attempt to explain his thesis of the indeterminacy of translation. An interesting collision with ophical tradition from, say, Descartes to Carnap is Quine's proposal to "naturalize epistemolcartes, and Carnap when young as well, sought to explain the relation between our sense-impressions and our beliefs about the public world in such a way as to render the latter rationally credible. That way of raising the question is calculated to inspire aceptical anguish. For might I not be a brain in a bottle being fed writing a book review at a desk by some neo-Frankenstein?

Quine does not face that que tion. He circumvents it by taking the sensory evidence on which science depends as "surface irrita-tions", physical episodes of stimu-lation of the sensitive parts of the nervous system. Since my nervous system is uncontroversially part of ne public world, no hazardous leap is involved in arguing from it to other public items like chairs, electrons, and galaxies. Perhans he ought to have defused acepticism first; the thing can be done.

He specifies just what science

naturalized theory of knowledge is in the words "the technology of anticipating sensory stimulation". That does suggest that the world really consists of such stimulations (or of what they directly lead us to theory is, not a description of the theory is not a description of the world but a prediction-appliance.

Perhaps one always suspects American philosophers of

Pursuit of Truth is, like all Quine's works, most engagingly written. He strives for concision of the most telegraphic sort, and achieves it in a way that gives the special pleasure evoked by a conspicuous skill. It does indeed, as he says in the preface, "update, sum up and clarify [his] variously intersecting views'

The claim of the blurb that "it does not assume the reader's previous acquaintance with Quine's writings" is, however, questionable. It certainly assumes a fairly large familiarity with recent philosophy, as well as an extensive vocabulary, containing such terms as "extensionality" and "holo-

All but the expert would, I think, he well advised to approach him by way of *The Web of Belief* (written with J.S. Ullian), which is, as it was intended to be, remarkably easy going over quite difficult terrain.

Against t

How did a generous religion like Catholicism come to hand down such a pessimistic and functional view of sex? Fiona MacCarthy discusses a fascinating, and sometimes richly comic, puzzle

ta Ranke-Heinemann was the first woman ever to hold a university chair of Roman Catholic theology. Three years ago, disapproving of her questioning of the virgin birth, the Catholic Church withdrew her teaching licence. This book therefore reaches us from the heat of controversy, predictably specific in its angers and ardours. Its rage should encourage, not deter, more general readers. The publishers suggest it is essential reading for any woman who questions the selfimage handed down to her by society. I think that this is true. Writing about impotence, which Ranko-Heinemann does well, she

argues that anybody so remote from the real nature of human sexuality as the Catholic Church's

celibatarian ruling class creates for able pseudo **EUNUCHS FOR** problems". Her book is inspired HEAVEN by the high irony implicit in the The Catholic Church and Sexuality ways in which Catholic judge-

By Uta Ranke-Heineman Translated by John Brownjohn ments about sex have been made through the cen-André Deutsch, £25 turies by sexual non-performers. This encouraged sexual practices

unique in their sheer joylessness summed up by Barnard Haring Catholic counterpart to Alex Com-fort. Haring's handbook on Love Techniques suggests that married couples practise "a common orientation towards God". The anti-pleasure principle was

formulated early. Ranke-Heinemann's first chapter, a thoroughgoing survey of the non-Christian roots of Christian sexual pessimism, provides us with wonderful Catholic example of the elephant that mates only once every two years.

The Stoic denigration of sexual activity was deeply embedded in Catholic tradition: the view that total abstinence was the ideal to aim at, with matrimony thrown in as a concession to those for whom despicable urges proved too much. Though Ranke-Heinemann does not pursue the subject, the Senecan notion of the shamefulness of loving one's wife to excess was still in full swing in England in this century. The community of Cathorichly endowed with emotionally reticent, male-chauvinistic wifebeaters. Is this, one wonders, a

cause or an effect?

"Male semen," as Ranke-Heinemann states accurately, "has become a special object of pastoral concern." The historic Catholic obsessiveness with semen - the directive to hold on to it whenever possible; the fussings and fumings about whether, when ejected, it has ended up "in the vessel, in an improper vessel, or outside the vessel" - are traced back by Ranke-

Heinemann to ancient notions that

the spilling of semen weaken

Pythagoras ruled that sex wa just about allowable in winter, bu never in the summer. The result of all this, Ranke-Heinemann posits is perception of women as func-tional and lowly, a sort of flower

pot for nurturing male seed. Ranke-Heinemann is a tough arguer. This makes her book dif ferent from and much less subtk than Marina Warner's Alone of Al Her Sex The Myth and the Cult o the Virgin Mary (Warner is no even mentioned in this book's bibliography). She pushes through her view that the New Testament. account of the virgin birth was never intended to be taken literally It has been misconstrued, strength ening the moral standpoint of people temperamentally inimical to sex and marriage.

St Jerome, she says, was wrong in his view tha people some to prize virginity because Mary had been a virgin. The Mariol ogists turnec Mary into a perpetual virgit, precisely because they were at-

tuned to prize virginity. How much of a sexual neurotic was Saint Augustine? Ranke-Heinemann defines him as a creature of dangerous mental disorders, who dramatized the fear of sexual pleasure, identifying it with lust to a degree which could only 'induce a sense of nightmare". She is always interesting on the Catho-lic inheritance of desexualization: what she sees as the disastrous. divorce of love from sex.

She is particularly pertinent, and risky, in her attempts at relating the confessional, with its ins 2 ence on the exact recounting of the sexual sins, to pornographic impulses. It is a knife-edge subject, all too easily evaded. That whole relationship of the celibate and sexual has been, to? me, a fascinating puzzle since, working through the exchange of correspondence from the 1920s between certain Catholic priests and Eric Gill.

The subject has a high degree of built-in farce, and in fact this book is often quite extraordinarily funny. The rhythm method is always good in his novel How Far Can You Go: But even more hilarious, thank anything in Lodge is Ranke Heinemann's account of Cardinal Huguecio (how can he be called Huguccio?) who c.1200 invented the restrained embrace, the amplexus reservatus, not to be confused with coitus interruptus; the ins and outs of which apparently still continue to divide the Catholic. moral theologians.

I would also recommend to connoisseurs of Catholic imperturbability, Ranke-Heinemann on the punctured condom syndrome. The

Slaves to changing attitudes on civil rights

ogy"; that is, to treat the philo-

LIFE and art owe more to each other than the authors of either might wish. In retrospect, American society in the last 30 years displays an ironic coincidence: in life, the civil rights movement, which has made so great a rhetorical (and sometimes a little practical) difference to the unhappy lot of American blacks; in art, an astonishing proliferation of historical scholarship on the history of slavery in the United States, which has undermined many of the popular assumptions about that practice on which the civil rights movement is still premised.

Civil rights goals, and the traditional account of slavery, were both defined in terms of the Founding Fathers' rhetoric the freedom and equality of the new republic held out the offer of emancipation to all its citizens. The United States was essentially, and from its origins, libertarian, Slavery was a feudal survival, backwardlooking, reactionary, always dis-avowed by enlightened Americans. It was an anomaly left over from the Old World, waiting to be swept away. In the Civil War, Americans did just that. The civil rights movement was merely a logical extension of the libertarian promise of the Franklins and Jeffersons.

It was these assumptions that turned Time on the Cross, first published in 1974, from a classic work of quantifying economic his-With an impressive array of empirical data, its authors overset most of these assumptions. From the 17th to the mid-19th century, majority opinion in America was heavily pro-slaver, not least because it was successful and profitable: investment in slaves compared favourably with the best investments in manufacturing.

Far from being in decline, slavery was spreading and strengthening before the Civil War, with slaveowners optimistic about their economic future. Not only was slave agriculture more efficient than free



Cotton picking on the plantation in 1860; slavery in the American Deep South was extremely profitable by the time of the Civil War

agriculture; slaves in urban industry were more efficient and profitable than free labour, and slavery was spreading faster in the town than the country. Nor was this (materially at least) a disaster for blacks: the black family was not destroyed by sales, promiscuity, or sexual exploitation; the diet and living conditions of slaves compared favourably with those of free

Were slaves exploited? "Over the slave field hand received about 90 per cent of the income he produced." And he participated in a prosperous system: by 1860, per capita income in the South equalled Switzerland's, and easily exceeded that of France, Germany and Italy. By contrast, after emancipation the life expectancy of blacks declined, their diet deteriorated, their work force was squeezed out of skilled occupations, their wase differen-

tials against whites widened. It began to look as if anti-slavery campaigners were the villains, using the law and the rhetoric of

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TIME ON THE CROSS The Economics of American Negro Slavery By Robert William Fogel and Stanley L. Engerman Norton, £6.95

WITHOUT CONSENT OR CONTRACT The Rise and Fall of American Slavery By Robert William Force Norton, £17.95

equality to depress the condition of the negro. The finger of suspicion was firmly pointed at the present-

The result, predictably, was a howl of indignation. The authors protested that they had merely sought to free blacks from ahistoriographical myth that depicted them as "the pitiful victims of a system of slavery so repressive

that it undermined their sense of family, their desire for achievement, their propensity for industry, and their capacity for self-reliance". Critics claimed that the book was 'amoral": tout comprendre c'est

In their new edition, the authors admit that "we seemed to be diminishing the moral horror of slavery and providing (no matter how innocent the intention) an tion". Hence Without Consent or Contract, an act of penance, in which the evolution of scholarship has been subtly modified by the need to devise a moral critique of

It is, of course, a superb achievement of modern quantifying re-search, which takes due account of humanist learning on the religious, cultural, and political dimension of American slavery from its beginnings to 1860. This volume embodies the results of a vast range of empirical research since 1974; but it is as striking for the moral agonizing of its author, caught in a system in which academics are required to be on the side of the angels. Some of Fogel's assailants insisted that the moral implications of his technical research were "so pernicious that the findings should have been suppressed even if factually correct He has not done so: but, instead

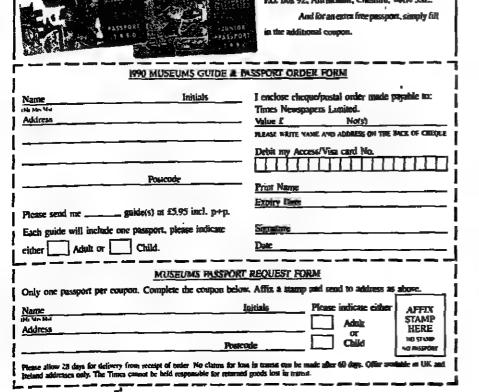
offers a reflection on "The Moral Problem of Slavery" to reconcile

his research with the demands of

arguing that the contradiction between slavery's moral iniquity and its economic success collapses if we reject "the widely held assumption that technological efficiency is inherently good", that "productiv-ity is necessarily virtuous". The empirical research since 1974 shows that the conclusions of Time on the Cross still largely stand; but they can be squared with modern morality only by a partial dis-avowal of market economics. In its new way, this book is as explosive, and as symptomatic, as its

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It might be feminism, but who says it's art?

is based runs like this: men and women have been allotted different positions by art history. According to Chadwick, this asymmetry consists of a "masculinist" claim for the universal values of a history of be produced by man; that claim necessarily entails a feminist counter-claim of a history of art, with whatever is left for it. This is the argument of Women, Art and Society, which becomes an extended chronological apologia, starting with the Middle Ages, and finishing with the inevitable Postmodern postscript. Without wishing to minimize either its scholarly ments or entertainment, the argument seems to me

As a historical movement, femiand emancipation of women. But in the history of art, since the Seventies, feminism has become a self-sufficient, autonomous movement. Its criteria are neither style, nor historical accident, nor a common basis in theory or aesthetics, nor any other category of the art



Die by Faith Ringgold: mural of an American street riot, 1967 istory business

but the simple fact of being a WOMEN, ART AND woman. Some artists choose to SOCIETY consider them-By Whitesy Chadwick selves women Thames & Hudson, £8.95 first, and artists second, and fly

the banner of feminism, with sadly counterproductive results. An example is Mary Kelly's Post Partum Document, shows at the ICA in 1979, the aim of which was "the chronicling of the child's first

syllabic utter-Sanda Miller ances to the mudiaper stains mounted in plexi-boxes like the best examples of modernist work on

paper", packaged with accompanying texts like: "Such work is scriptovisual precisely because feminine discourse is trying to articulate the unsaid, the 'feminine', the negative signification, in a language which is

coincident with patriarchy", etc. Chadwick sees the 1980s as a decade dominated by a new generation of male Neo-Expressionists -David Salle, Julian Schnabel: or Francesca Clemente, for example in a series of exhibitions "remarkable for their exclusion of virtually all women". A few pages latter we are told the painter Paula Rego. "also returned to the figurative tradition of painting, but used heroic scale, harsh lighting, and theatrical compositions". Quite true, but Chadwick cannot help embroidering. According to her Rego set out "to represent a pantheon of female figures traditionally suppressed in accounts of male exploits". Rego, however, sees

herself primarily as an artist.

Nevertheless, Chadwick has: to admit that in spite of the handicap of being female, recognition was sometimes given when due, as in the case of Marietta Robusti, daughter of Tintoretto, who was invited by the Emperor Maximilian and later Philip II to become court painter. It was her father who refused - for the obvious practical reasons — to give her permission.

GETTY ON GETTY merset de Chair as it not express. We have wreath the be problem in approaching the bits of as George in that the whole is much water than the parts. Mothing much write to have happened in this fifth fitting aucous. "Described by do Chair "macrustable" and "graincoile" "simple applicable and provincible "which is market as on the business life and buyin remarks on the business life. Times Literary iupplement 5-11 January 1990 Published by Cassell Cassell

Saint Lenin and wic

ikhail Shatrov is the survivor of one of those Stalin-ist purges that extended to first, second, even third cousins. His uncle was executed after a show-trial, his mother was sent into the gulag, and some 30 other relatives, including his father, died under more or less suspicious circumstances. How has he managed to carry those childhood wounds inside him - and still establish himself as one of Soviet Russia's most prominent political

On the evidence of these three plays, the answer is not that he is a no-serving scoundrel. Rather, he has convinced himself that the secular saint Lenin was betrayed by the diabolic Stalin. The October uprising was just and heroic; a sceptical world was about to be given a lesson in workers' democracy, and then the revolution was hijacked by a latter-day Tsar prepared to inflict any cruelty on his people to increase what was less his nation's power than his own. Mark you, Shatrov says this straight out only in the final play, Onward, Onward, Onward, which

was written safely within the glasnost era. The other two concern events before Lenin's death, the second of them an assassination attempt that occurred while Stalin was out of Moscow and therefore conveniently offstage. The dictatorto-be does, however, cut a pretty shady figure in the first play, The Peace of Brest Litovsk, which was written during the Khruschev thaw. While Lenin and his other com-

Benegion tiously wrangle about the least THE BO damaging way to end the Great War, Stalin trims and shilly-

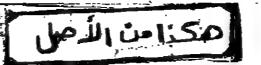
framisé. shallies. He is also presciently Nick Helm accused of seeing the Communist

Party as the political equivalent of the Order of Teutonic Knights: all hierarchy, discipline and tosture and death at the stake". Whether for this reason, or

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because it brought the unmention able Trotsky onstage, the play was banned for a time, and is still less knows in the Soviet Union tha



he pleasure principle



1987 Vatican Congregatio pro Doctrina Fidei specifically forbade homologous artificial insemination within marriage on the grounds that it was emission without gen-

'e'' One loophole was, however provided. If the semen were collected in a condom during intercourse, and if the said condom were punctured as if to facilitate a natural generative act, the method was allowable. It would not need a sexual behaviourist to indicate the same results could be achieved

more straightforwardly by masturbation. But masturbation is still classified as one of the most sinful and unnatural forms of non-generative sexual activity, and could not be permitted even when procreation was its very purpose. Well, that - sighs Ranke Heinemann - is the Roman Catholic Church.

Her overall message is not one of hilarity, but of an immense sadness at much human waste and suffering. With a woman's practicality she resents sheer time expended by men over the centuries in arguing

about such sexual niceties as which constituted the more beinous sin. lust felt for a beautiful woman or an ugly one. As if these things could matter. It was not what Jesus

Her critique is fundamentally that of the distortion of a senerous religion, in which the body has its natural and God-given place, into a regime of narrowness and malice and the false set of priorities summed up by Ernest Block in 1936 with a concise bitterness: Women with bare arms may not

enter a church, but naked Jews may dig their own graves.

It is a considerable indictment intellectually vigorous and power-fully argued. What is missing, I feel, is any inner context of personal biography that makes, for instance, Sara Maitland's writings on the subject of women and the church more immediately engaging.

Ranke-Heinemann, one ser has now reached a resolution. It would be interesting to know what brought her here.

aroline Alexander's *One Drv* Season caused me once again to question the validity of books by authors who deliberately choose to travel in the tracks of others. Twice in the last decade I have contemplated such a journey; and twice found myself dismissing the idea. Using someone else's itinerary, someone else's blueprint, robs the writer of vital resources: of initiatives, of imagination, and above all of the freedom to alter plans on a whim, a hunch, or a chance meeting. On the whole (there are always exceptions), copycat footstepping is too restrictive: it casts a dead hand on the prose.

Caroline Alexander decided otherwise. In this book she follows a journey made in 1893 by Mary Kingsley through Gabon in what was then French West Africa: a country of jungle sliced by rivers and rapids, and thought to be the "wildest and most dangerous part of the West African regions".

That Kingsley's adventures were considered significant is illustrated by the fact that a reporter from Reuters was waiting at the gang-plank when her ship docked in Liverpool; The Times was cager to interview her; she produced a book 700 pages long, and then started an extensive lecture tour in which she attempted to correct the then prevalent view that "it is in Africa that the lowest depth of evil barbarism is reached". Africa and African affairs were much discussed topics in the London Press of Kingsley's time overturned canoes and cannibalism made

Not any more. And this is one reason why my interest waned, and I completed the 300 pages with effort. A sense of adventure is missing; the proce seems joyless and the author, a young American academic (the jacket photograph makes her look like Meryl Streep), is ill at ease with the superficial nature of her chosen task: "I was revisited with the nneasy sensation of being merely a tourist ... I Travels time

Linda Christmas

ONE DRY SEASON: IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARY KINGSLEY By Caroline Alexander Bloombsury, £14.95

THE PILORIM: THE TRAVELS OF PIETRO DELLA VALLE Translated, abridged and introduced by George Bull Century Hutchinson, £19.95

suddenly felt vague and insubstantial ... I seemed to be skimming over the surface of someone else's

deeper experience."

The problem, I suspect, is that One Dry Season lacks purpose, apart, that is, from "footstepping". Mary Kingsley had a purpose, Both her parents had died. She needed a new focus to her life, and she wanted to visit "the tropics" - on which her father had been some-Pietro Della Valle had a solid

ason for his travels from Italy through the East to the Holy Land at the beginning of the 17th century: he was jilted. (There is a school of thought that suggests that all those who travel in order to write are running away from

Della Valle describes himself as "il pellegrino", which gives the title to the book that George Bull, an acknowledged expert on 17th-cen-tury Italian literature, has astutely edited and translated from the

letters Della Valle sent home from his travels, which lasted for more than a decade. Edited, in this instance, means massively cut: George Bull is still enough of a journalist (ex Financial Times and The Director) to know how much we can take without chronic indigestion. None the less, the volume retains a scholarly air, and is not to be devoured in a couple of

sittings.

Few pilgrims have travelled in such style. Delle Valle had with him a professional painter, a friar for philosophical debate, and a couple of personal attendants - the latter pair were reduced to one, when Tommaso in a fit of jealousy knifed the good Lorenzo when he was preparing a little light supper for his master.

Living dangerously obviously inspired Della Valle. At times he behaves like an English lord on a grand tour (rather before the grand tour came into fashion). His style is sometimes ambassadorial, but then comes a passage that is so acute in observation and so precise in description that it all becomes

His visit to Shah Abbas the Great in Persia is a masterpiece of restrained comedy. Before the actual reception the tectotal Persians get mildly inebriated, entertaining the infidel with the pressings of the grapes of Shiraz. When the King eventually gives audience, his chief adviser falls into a fish tank in his haste to bring more wine. The scene could have come out of a Rossini comic opera.

Elsewhere Della Valle comes out as a more solemn fellow, and one who reveals little about himself and little of the emotion that made him hasten from Rome and the pangs of love. But his years on the road were clearly more fun than any conventional marriage: on his travels he marries a Babylonian girl and when she dies he marries his adopted daughter. Woe betide anyone who fancies following in his

Bigger, but not always better

upon a time the horror novel was a snappy little diversion you could devour in one or two sittings. Now it takes days, even weeks to plough through it. Whatever the reason, I

Take Dan Simmons. His first novel, Song of Kali, was a tour de force of exotic evil, ending in a kick of nightmare proportions, yet it barely stretched to 300 pages. But duck for cover, here comes his follow-up: all 690 pages of it. Carries Comfort is about a race of "mind vampires" who live among humans, invading their innermost thoughts, feeding off their emotions and controlling their actions. Naturally, these vampires do not get their victims to distribute blankets to the poor; they force them to wreak havoc. This is an intriguing premise, and the story opens brilliantly: "Nina was going to take credit for the death of that Beatl John. I thought that was in very bad

But Simmons goes for the epic showdown between dull-but-good guys (Holocaust survivor, sensitive sheriff, plucky girl photographer) and fun-but-bad guys (mind vampires, covert government agencies). Tension dissolves in a flurry of multiple viewpoint, and the action degenerates into repetitive clashes full of Uzi sub-machine-guns and big explosions. A shame, because Simmons is too good a writer to be wasting his energy on Rambo-withHORROR

Anne Billson

CARRION COMFORT By Den Simmons Headline, £14.95 hardback, £6.95 paperback

● The Wine-Dark Sea, by Robert Aickman (Mandarin, £3.99). For an invigorating dose of brevity, one need look no further than Aickman's short stories, each one a small but perfectly formed masterpiece of uneasiness such as The Trains, about two hitch-hikers who get stranded in a house between railway lines on the moors, or The Fetch, in which the heir to a Scottish estate also inherits the frightening symbol of his family's sorrows. Aickman, who died in 1982, follows in the M.R. James tradition of understatement, but adds his own peculiar flavour, his protagonists are repressed civil servants and obsessive introverts, his plots are oblique and disturbing manifestations of their fears and desires. Do not be put off by a dreadful cover illustration which looks as if it is advertising a sword 'n' sorcery trilogy - these stories are, as they say, the business, and it would be nice to see more of his work back in print; start lobbying your local publisher now.

Skin of the Soul, edited by Lisa

Tuttle (The Women's Press, £5.95). When the horror anthology, Prime Evil, was published, Tuttle noticed that not one of its contributors was female. It is a fallacy that women do not write horror stories, and here she redresses the balance with an all-woman collection cuiled from British, American and Antipodean sources. If there is a common thread running through the tales, it is the fierce empathy extended towards what are more usually thought of as monstrous outsiders. At their best (top-notch contributions from Suzy McKee Charnas, Joan Aiken and Tuttle herself), these stories are triumphant proof that the horror genre is not the man-only stomping ground it is often reckoned to be.

Thomas Harris (Mandarin, £3.99). Harris's sequel to Red Dragon is already being filmed by Jonathan Demme, with Jodie Foster as the forensics student tracking down a grisly serial killer nicknamed Buffalo Bill, and Anthony Hopkins in the role of Dr Hannibal Lecter, the omniscient, hypersensitive mass murderer and cannibal who takes a stine to her from behind the burs of his maximum security cell. As a supervillain, Lecter is like Fantômas, Dracula and Ernst Stavro Biofeld rolled into one big bundle of horrible homicidal fun. No self-respecting psycho-thriller fan should be without this novel. And it is only 352 pages long.

Il unhappy writers are somehow the same, but each happy writer is happy in his own peculiar way. John Updike's literary reputation has been made against the odds. He is the very antithesis of Hemingway machismo. He celebrates, rather than derides, the virtues of small-town and suburban middle-class America. His religious faith is simple

"He is moral (for all the raunch of Gouples which, along with Mary McCarthy's The Group, is the novel of the sexual revolution) with the morality of the Op den Dycks, his Dutch-Protestant ancestors.

He is resistant to post-modernism; to feminism, and to most forms of "affirmative action". As he explains in his memoirs, he felt compelled to support the war in W. mam. Most unforgivable, he is at peace with his world. "I have been happy here."

Despite his serenity he has had some difficulty "Getting the Words Out". The basis of his contentment is stillness and small things, "If we keep utterly still, we can suffer no wear and tear, and will never die." His alter ego Henry Bech, who later returned for an encore in Bech is Back, is Updike only in so far as be is Updike in the uncomfortably jet-

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, appearing at all. It is perhaps not

surprising that he should be the main topic of conversation, since it

is August 1918, and he has just been

shot and wounded. But every few

moments Shatrov interrupts the

atalk with telegrams Lenin sup-

posedly dictated before the attack;

and each one re-emphasizes his

Updike beneath the skin

Brian Morton

SELF-CONSCIOUSNESS: MEMOIRS By John Updike Penguin, £4.99 BECH: A BOOK By John Updike

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lagged, spotlit, unstill, drunk and oversexed role into which fame has

Glimpsed on reading tours to pre-thaw Bulgaria, to the Deep South, to swinging London, Bech is distinguishable from such other semi-autobiographical writer-heroes as Philip Roth's Nathan Zuckerman by a certain quality of cheerful irony and a basic earthly

Updike has never made any bones about the fact that his fiction

foresight, strength, diligence and care for the individual. "How can

we go on without him?" sobs

Lunacharsky. That cry, those tears,

Still, the play does also dem-

onstrate Shatrov's strengths. He

can generate dramatic tension. At

best he can bring history sharply to

life. In the pre-Gorbachov era he

pushed forward the frontiers of

officially sanctioned drama by

introducing, for instance, a serious

discussion of the case for the "red

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Against that one must set a

tendency to become wordy and

ponderous. Pity the actor asked to

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the truth as he understands it.

are also Sharrov's.

- far beyond the conventional, forgivably autobiographical first novel - draws heavily on his own life: in Self-Consciousness, he crossreferences passages from his stories and novels with his memories of childhood in Shillington, Penn-

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What he objects to is autobiography and autobiographical fic-tion as emotional "scab-picking" (his models are Proust and Henry Green rather than Freud).

And he knows whereof he speaks, for the basis of his own adolescent self-consciousness was a virulent psoriasis, which reduced his skin every winter to crusty sores and necessitated sun and sunlamp cures. Coupled with a fearsome stammer (and a tendency to asthma that made it even harder to get the words out), it might have turned Updike in on himself, either as man

It seems, on the contrary, to have reinforced a genuinely sunny dis-position. Though "At War With My Skin", he knows that the hostilities are superficial, for something remains inside, sun-warmed. The concluding essay sees him happily, but by no means complacently, resigned to an un-fashionable destiny, "On Being a Self Forever".

conducted along specific and

strictly defined lines, otherwise we

run the risk of repeating the

lamentable experience of the Jaco-

bins, whose law sanctioning pre-

ventive detention was ultimately

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That is an extract from The

Bolsheviks, but could as well come

from Onward!, which largely con-

sists of a dream-debate in which a

resurgent Lenin excoriates a sullen

Shatrov's main limitation as a

dramatist. What happens when his

fellow-citizens begin to scrutinize

his hero? What happens if they find

Lenin, like Stalin, guilty of cal-lously "imposing socialism from outside"? My guess is that they will

let Shatrov go on writing, but his plays will seem dreadfully passé.

Here, however, is surely

Stalin for his atrocities.

guillotine."



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Muddling through

be forgiven for being already blue. Her father, a dentist, is having a mid-life crisis, and spends most of his time either drunk or picking grubs off his dahlias. Her mother, short-fused at the best of times, doesn't know what to do, although, like a high-school girl, she does paint "I love you James" in milehigh letters on the local railway bridge. Finally, Lucy's much-loved older sister, who is training to be a nurse, discovers she doesn't much care for the sight of blood and flees nursing school, carrying with her a bereft baby. Perhaps paediatrics will answer better than operating rooms.

TWELVE-year-old Lucy can easily

Lucy is a resilient character, however. Not only does she struggle her way through the muddle, step-by-step, but she also makes common cause with her pal Gus (who - for good measure - has muscular dystrophy), and also with one-armed Lance from the Day Night grocery store. The end of the story can hardly be called happy, but thanks to these stable souls it is at least up-beat and defiant. Blueness is held at bay.

As a writer working on her first

FOR CHILDREN Brian Alderson

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novel, Terry Farish certainly picked a tough assignment for herself. Here are many of the standard ingredients of contemporary "teenage fiction", where physical and moral handicaps are a sine qua non, and a good deal of ssurance is needed to mix them with this degree of panache. The American gift for sharp observation and snappy dialogue may have helped (no socio-political whingeing here) but perhaps we can allow a British contribution too. According to the blurb, Terry Farish not only worked in the Philosophy Library at Oxford, but was also apprenticed to her craft under the guidance of Jan Mark, one of our few story-tellers who knows the difference between a

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ingly rude about public figures. He also slips in material far more groundly risque than, for example, the unlamented Mary Whitehouse Experience that formerly occupied that slot. One imagines a substantial proportion of his audi-ence tuning in with their letters of complaint already half-written. My own complaint would centre on his shameless rehousing of antediluvian routines - last weekend, the rhubarb joke and the Hawaii joke - which sound no different in their new quarters.

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More shamelessness was on offer in the first outing of Public Affairs (Radio 4. Thrusday), a documentary series on great scandals of recent history. The case of Peter Rachman is notable for the fact that its protagonist was dead by the time the press began to wax

indignant about it.

Thirty years on, his biographer could not find former tenants of Rachman's prepared to complain; seither did David Wheeler's radio piece, which had ancient and placed Caribbean voices attesting to their sometime landlord's personal decency. And here is the paradox: that at a time when racism was legal, Rachman alone offered accommodation to "new-comers to Britain"—at a price.

Backstage rows, union bans, the clash of cash and ideals: the Mandela concert has it all. David Toop reports prankster United we stand, for one day

ince their inception in 1967 with the San Francisco "Human Be-In", large-scale rock festivals have struggled under a variety of weighty symbolic burdens. The phenomenon intensified in 1986, when Live Aid introduced the idea that rock stars and television could work together to raise both money and

CONSCIOUSNESS for a good cause. The latest concert in this line of "committed rock" broadcasting will be at Weinbley Stadium on Monday. Billed as an international tribute to Nelson Mandela for a free South Africa, its primary function is to serve as a platform for Mandela, who will address the television watchers of

as many as 60 countries.

Originally conceived as a celebratory event, by the Nelson Mandela International Reception Committee in consultation with the African National Congress and the anti-apartheid movement, the event now carries symbolic burdens that are heavier than tread Unlike the previous Nelson Mandela tribute — the 70th birthday celebration held at Wembley in 1988 - this is more than a consciousness-raising exercise. It has been stressed that the music of Simple Minds, Anita Baker, Tracy Chapman and all the other performers is secondary to Mandela's closing speech. Yet, asever, entertainment and politics

are not entirely in harmony. Wally Scrote, a member of the ANC Department of Arts and Culture has been appointed liaison officer between the ANC. and the South African musicians who will be appearing "What I'm doing," he says, "is to a large extent looking at the political side of the concert — ensuring that the South African contingent is in a position to perform to their best." Reading between the lines, this suggests that South African mu-sicians did not fare well in the initial planning stages, Early press

releases indicated that top South African musicians would play two sets, yet the releases mentioned only two by name; Abdullah Ibrahim and Miriam Makeba.

Inevitably, there were rumours that some musicians felt slighted. "It's a very understandable thing," says Scrote. "Many of the London-based South African musicians have been active over the years in campaigns for the release of Nelson Mandela, so it is quite understandable that when their leader has been released and is coming here, they would all be anxious to participate."

The anxiety now seems to have

been soothed. Familiar faces from London's jazz scene, such as Dudu Pukwana, Julian Bahula and Lucky Ranko, will appear in a 15minute set. The 25-minute set will be devoted to another South African grouping, including Mir-iam Makeba, Letta Mbulu, Caiphus Semenya, Jonas Gwangwa, pianist Abdullah Ibra-him and Sakhile. But Serote's most important catch is the black South African trumpeter Hugh Masekela, who will appear after weeks of speculation.

Masekela had earlier made a bitter statement, which did not allay fears that rock stars might be using the event to promote their careers: "It's all very well people like George Michael turning up to the Mandela birthday concert two years ago, to promote their latest record and show how much they love darkies by singing Marvyn Gaye songs, but it's all bull." This quote was published by Time Out, the London listings magazine, but Serote claims Masekela may have been misquoted.

A tactless advertisement, placed by WEA Records in the trade magazine Music Week, has incensed other performers by suggesting to retailers that "Nelson Mandels will work for you if you stock up on these titles". The titles were albums by four WEA artists appearing on Monday; the

advertisement was a clear sign that WEA's marketing division was hoping for a repeat of the dramatic increase in Tracy Chapman's album sales after her appearance at the 1988 Mandela concert.

Worst of these complications is probably the case of Johany Clegg, Clegg is a British-born white South African who, with his mixed race group, Savuka, has consistently defied and attacked apartheid, but is barred from the British Musicians' Union. "Someone can't choose to work both in the UK and South Africa and be a member of the British Musicians' Union," said Marilyn Stoddart, an MU district organizer. As one of the most outspoken musical critics of apartheid, Clegg would seem to be an obvious choice for Monday's concert, but his addition to the bill was not announced until a few days ago. Clegg will now appear as a guest on one of the non-South African sections of the show.

eanwhile, the £2 million cost of mount-ing such an am-bitious project at short notice threat ens to eat up the profits that would otherwise be destined for charties including Christian Aid and the Catholic Fund for Overseas Development. As the press have been asked to pay £100 each for "facilities", tickets for the public are priced at £20, programmes at £3, and massive revenues are expected and global broadcasting rights, one hopes that some money does find its way to the people who suffer under apartheid. The musical difficulties are

trifling, of course, compared to the political complexities within South Africa itself, and many in the business feel that the ideals of these events compensate for their failings and occasional hypocrisies. Nevertheless, the charity rock show is a bandwagon that needs careful watching - particularly as many more huge events



Youthful optimism: Mandela 70th birthday concert, Wembley 1988

are imminent. On May 5, for instance, a John Lennon tribute in aid of environmental causes will be held in Liverpool, starring a comprehensive list of pop, rock, blues, soul and country stars. Later this summer a multi-million-pound spectacular for disaster relief is scheduled to take

"The strength of music," says Wally Scrote, "is that it is able to bring people from different ages.

different cultures and different

political ideologies together at one moment." With such an emphasis

on size, spectacle and stars, how-

ever, can concerts for causes keep

sight of their original ideals? Or

are they doomed to a repetition of

the late Sixties, when record companies took ideals and converted them into cash? Neison Mandela - An Inter-national Tribute can be seen on BBC2, on Monday, 5.45-10.15pm.

Vietnam testament

TELEVISION

Sheridan Morley

THE television war is what they called Vietnam. A quarter of a century on, it has been given its definitive documentary. What made Arena: Dear America (BBC 2) such a classic was the refusal of its producers to take any political line or editorial stance:

Working from an anthology of letters written by serving soldiers, the makers simply engaged distinguished American actors (Robert de Niro, Martin Sheen, Robin Williams) to read these missives over newsreel actuality of the battles, and the back-home newscasts of official reassurance.

The result was apocalypse now and then. From the cheery sounds of an army disc-jockey heat doesn't get you here, a jammed weapon will - remempammed weapon will — renember, boys, to keep it clean and get your heads down") through the gathering darkness of life and death in the Big Nam, a story of infinite personal courage emerged against a background of increasing on the soundtrack, was the persistent rock of Hendrix and Dylan and the Stones, as evocative of that war as music-hall ballads were of 1914-18.

As losses mounted, fewer and fewer of the soldiers, marines or airmen understood the logic of their missions. By 1968, more than half were fighting in the certain knowledge that they could not win. The sorrow and pity of it lay in seeing men barely out of their teens fighting like Fortinbras for a little patch of meaningless earth, and in the official belief that the situation could be solved simply by throwing more human suffering at it. The waste and the nobility were everywhere: 58,000 men died

here. Dear America showed what they thought of the futility of their comrades' deaths. It will live, like Oh What A Lovely War!, by the sheer power of its evocation.

A show well sprung

-ANIC COPERATION John Higgins

L'Heure espagnole Gianni Schiechi Grand Theatre, Leeds

IT IS unusual to twin the only one-act comedies by Ravel and Puccini. Opera North's new double-bill proves that they can make a lively pair of bed-fellows—and beds are very much to the fore.

da the clockmaker may be out of sight in the Ravel, but it is presumably much in use. And it is from the highly visible sick-bad in the Puccini that the Florentine scounded Gianni Schiechi leaves. most of the property of the late Buoso Donati to himself. Even Frankie Howerd might be

pushed to make the innuendos work, as Concención's would-be lovers are heaved up and down stairs inside massive clocks, while her husband is out. Of course, she finally falls for the mulcteer who does all the heaving.

Jason Howard duty bares his chest and is generally convincing as the best bit of rough trade that Toledo can provide; the fasticious Rayel gave him the sweetest orchestral accompaniment. Lou-ise Winter is careful not to overplay the role of Concepcion. The other three characters are but cyphers that the final quantity which makes this rather faced piece worthwhile. It is crisply

directed by Martin Duncan.
Tom Cairus's smallt set for a clockmaker's shop in Foledo becomes a darkened sicle room for The one at the home of Torque . Gianni Schicchi, and the Florenhalf-way through the opera.

At the centre is Andrew Shore's Boccaccio and part from G & S, with a nose big enough to cast a shadow over half his face. Puccini has been accused of letting sentimentality take over from comedy, but Shore, in a ripely wicked performance, keeps the

As Rimeccio, David Maxwell-Anderson should show more vocal grace, but Juliet Booth is properly mure as his intended. Again,



Jason Howard as Remero

Martin Duncan drilled his forces to stylish comic effect. David Lloyd-Iones concentrated more on keeping his singers together than on letting his orchestra make their musical jokes, especially in L'Heure, but in this good-humoured evening Opera North paid Ravel the compliment of opening on a Thursday, the very day of the week when Concepcion is always at home for callers.

Pace minus power

CONCERT Stephen Pettitt

St John Passion St John's, Smith Square

SEVERAL years ago, Andrew Perrott readily acted upon Joshua Rifkin's suggestion (and demonstration through performance) that Bach's larger choral pieces might have been sung by forces so minimal than even the chorus was composed of solo voices. Soon, with his Taverner Consort and Players, he had made his own recording of the B Minor Mass. This St John Passion, performed by his Taverner groups, duly observed Rifkin's frugal tradition, and Bach's textures emerged cleansed, though the balance, and hence the impact, of the opening chorus was compromised by sheer lack of vocal power.

But there was something more consistently disturbing about this performance: its unrelenting pace.
If the alto aria "Es ist vollbracht" (sung with boyishly pure tone by

Caroline Trevor) flowed with unusual case, yet lost little of its emotion, almost all the other arias seemed indecently fast. David Thomas, who also sang Christus's recitatives poetically, despite Parrott's no-nonsense manner, sounded breathless in "Mein teurer Heiland", where there was almos no time at all for the chorus's interpolated questions. Emily van Evera made a bright job of the first soprano aria "Ich fotge dir gleichfalls", Tessa Bonner a neat one of the second, "Zerfleisse, mein Herze", but one wondered throughout what these voices could have made of the

The instrumental playing was on the whole, alert and crisp, with confident obbligatos, though once or twice there were some odd sounds from the very bottom of the register. But the evening's hero was the Evangelist, Rogers Covey Crump, who was wonderfully fluent in that role but also proved his versatility and stamina with his determined and idiomatic singing of the taxing ariss "Ach, mein Sinn" and "Erwage, wie sein blutgefarbter Rucken".

given a little more space.

Fairy tale with force THEATRE

Benedict Nightingale

Pericles The Pit

BEN Jonson called it "a mouldy tale", and critics have demolished Pericles with sadistic glee. They have mocked the iambic plod of the sections Shakespeare probably did not write, and have accused his authentic passages of outromancing even his own romances. is no point to the story of the prince who wanders the Med losing his wife, mislaying his child, and persistently getting shipwrecked, except to demonstrate the usefulness of timetables, travel

agents and meteorology. That goes to show how feeble critics can be when asked to suspend incidental disbelief and open their imaginations to essentials. This is a fairy story with emotional truth at its core. Only the mature Shakespeare could have penned the scene in which Pericles, broken by suffering, rediscovers his daughter, the longlost Marina. There is no more touching scene in the canon - no, not even the reconciliation of Lear and Cordelia.

For me, there was no better proof of its power than last night. when it re-activated the lump keep at the back of my throat; and without being particularly well performed. The problem was not Suzan Sylvester's Marina, who throughout had managed to make modesty, chastity and other "maidenly" virtues vital and

vivid. No, it was Rob Edwards's light if attractive Pericles.

He certainly cuts a chivalrous figure. Like Miss Sylvester, he can

express archaic decencies, in his case honesty, courage and courtesy, without becoming wet. But he cannot yet be pierced to the soul. In the last act the text requires him to combine terminal depression with terminal anorexia. I recall Derek Jacobi's Pericles here looking like Howard Hughes in his shrivelled-vegetable phase. But you cannot feel the full force of the moment when Edwards finally stumbles red-eyed embrace Marina, because you have not felt the full force of the emotions that put him there.

Yet, amazingly, the scene still works - as does much else in David Thacker's production. The task of carrying us imaginatively through the Levant is not helped by his narrator, Rudolph Walker's Gower, who seems to be presenting an episode of This is Your Life, But a good supporting cast, and Fran Thompson's minimal designs, glut us with arresting moments: the starving of Tarsus; a finely orchestrated tournament, complete with a Samurai from Macedon for Pericles to vanquish; above all, a Mytilene brothel from some Gillray-era cartoon, all retching tarts and disgusting slop buokets.

That is where Sylvester's moral defiance is at its most splendid, and the play's tenor consequently most eloquent. All Shakespeare's last comedies celebrate youth, renewal, reconciliation. It is time we recognized that the "apoc-ryphal" Pericles does so as wonderfully as any.



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oung Italian opera conductors, if they are successful, often get dubbed as early Verdi specialists. They have the vigour and lack of inhibition. so the received wisdom goes, to put across the rawness and earthiness of the operas Verdi was composing in the 1840s. It happened to Muti and it happened later to Sinopoli.

But rawness is not all in early Verdi, and may be superfluous. A school of thought is emerging that believes Verdi. even during those famous "galley years", was a considerably more refined composer than some commentators pave made out.

Such a view is certainly taken by Riccardo Muti, who has come to Attiles, first performed in 1846, in middle age. His EMI recording has expunged all coarseness - and carthiness - from the score. Not for nothing was Attila one of the favourite Verdi operas of that most fastidious of conductors, Carlo Maria Giulini.

The strings of the Scala orchestra give the opera its heartbeat, with the brass and percussion held well back at the start. In the second scene of the Prologue. Muti creates a magical picture of dawn over the Adriatic, with the storm clouds clearing (Rossini's influence here) and the first bells of morning tolling. Puccini may have remembered a thing or two when he came to write Act III of Tosca. Flute, horn and harp combine with equally graceful effect in the introduction to probably the best-known number in the score, Odabella's "Oh! nei fuggente nuvolo", an aria Callas sometimes included in recitals.



Refined performance: Riccards Muti's EMI recording of Attile has expended all traces of coarseness and earthiness from the score

Odabella is here sung by Muti's favoured soprano at the moment, Cheryl Studer. It is not difficult to see why he likes her. She can give this memory of her father silken tone, but has huge reserves of vocal attack when Odabella is in murderous mood. Her lover, Foresto, is a duller role and Neil Shicoff sings it gallantly but with a certain monotony of timbre. Foresto has one enormous scena in the Prologue, lasting some eight minutes, and it must have been something of a relief to get on to the jaunty, joyous duet with Odabella in the first act.

To the Roman General Exio 20 the best-known words of the libretto, "Avrai tu l'universo, resti l'Italia a me" (You shall have the universe, Italy stays with me), which reputedly raised patriotic cheers on the first night. Giorgio Zancanaro, another favourite Muti singer, delivers them with suitable gravity. And that is precisely the quality which so ishes Samuel Ramey in the title role. Attila, like Boris Godunov, is only half a tyrant and spends a lot of time sunk in his own gloomy thoughts before Odabella eventually puts the dagger in his breast.

The Scala chorus is on top form, notably at the end of Act II when opposing bands of Christians and infidels confront one another, just as they do in Verdi's Jerusalem, which has just entered Opera North's repertory. All in all, this is a splendid set and outclasses its CD rival on Philips, whose trump card is Carlo Bergouzi's Foresto. The Scala of almost 60 years ago

can be heard on the first CD release of the Don Pasquale recorded in 1932. Tito Schipa is featured on the cover and it will be for his Ernesto that most people will be drawn to it. His Act III Serenata has never been surpassed and, indeed, throughout Schipa is never less than ingratiating. But spare an ear for the Pasquale of Ernesto Badini, relishing every consonant and vowel in the style of a veteran comic, and Afro Poli turning in a characteristically excellent performance as Malatesta. Saraceni's Norina sounds a bit shrewish - with her as wife, Ernesto may eventually get as hard a time as did Pasquale. EMPs engineers have done wonders with the orchestra under Carlo Sabajno. It is well worth snapping up this set.

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To prizes for guessing that Native Heart is a drummer's album. From the opening of the title track, Tony Williams's kit is poshed well to the fore of the sound mix, almost drowning out his two horn players, Wallace Roney and Billy Pierce Constantly shifting the accents, Williams — like Art Blakey - is a leader who does not allow his soloists to dawdle.

In the early Seventies Williams was part of the fusion pack with Lifetime, a group which never quite succeeded in marking out its own distinct territory. With his current quintet he is pursuing the latest, neo-bop orthodoxy. Apart. from the inclusion of bassist Ira Coleman (another of Betty Carter's protégés), the band heard on this album is the same unit that Williams brought to the Queen Elizabeth Hall some two years

The performance that evening was polished rather than earth shaking. Native Heart offers more of the same. Williams's wellcrafted compositions float along at a modest tempo, avoiding the more extravagant speed tests. Roney, an agile and lucid young trumpeter, makes the most incisive contribution, leaving Pierce's tenor and soprano work

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Poulenc: The Complete Music for Piano Paul Crossley (CBS Masterworks MSK 44921) (3 CDs) Chopin: Preludes Ivo Pogorelich (Deutsche Grammophon 429 227-

one sometimes feels that he is climbing this particular monolith simply because it is there. But he has also carefully eschewed any chronological progression on these three discs, instead constructing a separate recitai programme, starting with an extended cycle (Les Soirées de Nazelles on disc one, the 15 Improvisations on disc two, and the Huit Nocturnes on disc three) for each of them. He often takes notice of Poulenc's own insistence that there should be beaucoup de pedale", a tactic which frequently serves to put mystery into what otherwise might be brazen.

At the same time he draws lavishly upon his own naturally

elegant style, colouring textures with great subtlety and often invoking a lovely sense of nostalgia. Even in an acid piece tike the first of the Trois Mouvements Perpetuels (1918), he avoids an over-aggressive spikiness.

If refinement and subtlety is the hallmark of Crossley's style, Ivo Pogorelich, to the horror of some and the delight of others, is nothing if not an assertive pianist, liable to exaggerate idiosyncratically.

recording of Chopin's 24 Preludes when the extent of his mannerism does threaten to offend, but these pieces are fair quarry for a touch of Pogorelich's brand of exhibi-

There are, of course, no doubts about technical brilliance and control, though his sense of poetry sometimes verges on the melodramatic and at other times seems over-prepared, to judge at any rate from his mechanical reproduction of a delaying mannerism in the "Raindrop" Prelude.

ROCK UPDATE

Depache Mode Violater (Mute STUMM 64) Now an international touring colossus, Depache Mode continue to inhabit their own mysterious universe pareliel to the rock mainstream. Here is proof of their commitment to great poor metodies sculpted in clean, classic lines, particularly on the singles 'Personal Jesus'' and "Enjoy The Silence".

The Chille Submarine Bells Slash 828 191-1) This rather overlooked album by the four-piece from Dunedin, New Zealand, is a sensuous, graceful and educated collection with such self-explanatory 'Efforesce and Deliquesse''.

Jermeine Stevent What Becomes a Legend Most? (10 Dependable soul-pop-rap set from the Chicago-bred dancer-turned-singer still fondly remembered for his 1986 hit "We Don't Have To Take Our

Hato James Witness (Epic 466676 1) Smooth adult pop-soul concoction from the "Baby" trio; somewhat in the new Wet Wat Wat mould.

Part 25 of David Sinchir's collectors' A-Z, a guide to the essential. albums of the most enduring performers of rock. To qualify for inclusion in this series, an act

must have sustained a recording career of at least 10 years, and have mustered at least one decent album during that time. The entries are designed to be pasted

A-Z GUIDE TO ROCK

on to index cards and stored in a 6in by 4in filing box, available from most good stationery shops, to form an instant guide to the hitsand misses of rock history.

IRON MAIDEN

convened in east London at the height of punk, fron-Maiden flew in the face of every fashionable dictate. As if their unreconstructed heavy rock formula was not risible enough, they gilded the filly with broadsword and battle-axe lyrics and a fire-breathing, bloot-beliching monster of a stage prop called Eddie. But with 25 million albums sold to date it is Maiden.

INXS

A ustralasian groups tend to be diligent muckers who swiftly amass a vast following at home and then spend years chiselling away at the northern hemisphere marriets until the northern hemisphere marriets until resistance eventually crumbles. INXS is no exception, and, following a début antipodean hit, "Just Keep Walking", in 1980, the band doggedly released a sion of 80-80 albums, anilya

appropriation of the Jagger/Geldof strain of macho camp is set against dance-rock riffs ingeniously but blatantly pasted together like a photofit picture.

succession of so-so albums, enlivened by the odd memorable tune such as "Originel Sin" from the Swing (1984) or "Kiss The Dirt (Falling Down The Mountain)" from Listen Like Thieres (1986). The penny finally dropped with The Kick (1987) which, after a sustained bout of heavy touring, reached the Top 10 in both Britain and America. The album's key songs—"Need You Tonight", "Devit Inside", "New Sensation", "Never Tear Us Apart" — betray a musical attitude that has more to do with calculation than inspiration. Vocalist Michael Hutchence's shameless for 10 successive weeks. The Number Of The Beest (1982) remains the definitive work. Proceeding with all the delicacy of a charging rhino, through tracks including "Hun To The Hills" and the beroque figule all the delicacy of a charging rhino, through tracks including "Hun To The Hills" and the beroque figule better to be appropriation of the Jagger/Geldof strain of macho camp is set against dance-rock riffs ingeniously but blatantly pasted together like a photofit picture.

NEXT WEEK: Joe Jackson, Michael Jackson

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he opening and closing moves in defence may fall into familiar patterns, but the middle game offers scope for a certain random quality of mind. Dealer West. Neither side

vulnerable. + A65 C J64 C K O83 + 1092 KOTS

You lead the king of spades,

dummy takes it with the ace, and a heart is led. Declarer wins with the ace and exits with a heart. East showing up with 10-x. All follow to two rounds of spades, but what do you do now?

The correct play is based on simple and conclusive reasoning, but first, take another example.

Henri Svare and Benito Garozzo are old adversaries. Both played in the recent Sunday Times contest, but the deal below occurred years earlier in a Bermuda Bowl match between France and Italy, and on that occasion Garozzo came out on top. The reader is invited to cover up the South and West cards. Dealer East. North-South

Q 10862 S Garozzo into the danger zone, but he is no stranger there.

West led the king of clubs and declarer won in hand with the ace. He ruffed a club and led a trump from the table. Svarc played low and South won with the 10, while West followed small.

Garozzo now led the 10 of diamonds and ran it, West playing the 9. In with the king, what should East return?

How many winners does declarer have? How many will he have if I do this or that? It is often possible to answer these vital questions without knowing the precise make-up of declarer's hand. Here, East can be sure that if he plays ace and another spade, not even Garozzo will be able to make more than four trump tricks in hand, three diamond tricks. two aces and the club ruff aiready taken.

In play Svarc led the king of hearts, but Garozzo won and cashed the diamonds, discarding the losing heart. He ruffed a heart in hand, ruffed his last club with the king of trumps, and made the contract. Svarc, whether or not he overruffed, could make only the ace of

If you did not solve the earlier problem, try it again

West can count declarer for five heart tricks, a spade and the A-K of clubs, eight tricks in all. If he exits with a low diamond, South will still be a trick short, but any other lead will give South 10 tricks if he has this hand:

> **♠** 1-1-1 ∇ A-9-8-x-x ♣ A-K-J-x

So, when uncertain, count the winners. This may high-

The French did well to push light a form of play you would never have thought of

> • Three bridge books have just been published by Gollancz. Instant Guide to Bridge by Hugh Kelsey, first published in 1975, is now revised. A pocket-sized softcover, it costs £4.95 for 80 pages. However, it covers all aspects of bidding and includes new sections on transfer bids and negative doubles. It also has some useful data on play. The

> background system is Acol.
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> Clues From the Bidding is by Julian Pottage, a young player who has already written two books on play with Terrance Reese. A hardcover of 128 pages, it costs £9.95 and consists of 60 graduated problems, none of them easy. The declarer's hand and dummy are set out on right-hand nages; overleaf are the full deal and solution, based on inferences from opponents' bid-ding or lack of it. The book is pleasantly written and the

theme is of practical value. Understanding Acol is by Eric Crowhurst, author of other reliable works on Birtain's most popular system, and Andrew Kambites (£8.95, 158 pages, hardcover.) It is intended for improvers as well as for experienced players who have never really learned

The Complete Guide to Defensive Play, by the American Frank Stewart, is published by Robert Hale. Edited by Derek Rimington, this is the British version, costing £11.95 for 234 pages. The hardcover book consists of 25 instructional themes, with illustrative deals. Each is followed by a quiz, totalling more than 160 problems. This is a good book for the serious

Albert Dormer

CHESS

promised before the start of the Karpov-Timman Candidates final in Kuala Lumpur to give all of the games in full in The Times. Unfortunately, circumstances prevented the appearance of all the games in the news

I believe it is essential for The Times to publish all nine games from this important clash; they will, accordingly, appear in this column this week and the next. Karpov won the match with consum-

Karpov now qualifies for his fifth world championship match against Kasperov. Play will start in New York on October 7 and switch to Lyons at the halfway stage. There is a record \$3 million prize fund.

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Raymond Keene

Pooling your resources

he presence of water, even on a small scale, makes a remarkable contribution to a garden. I envy those with a natural stream or river, but artificially introduced waterworks are not to be despised. A tiny fount can transform a fown garden, and even the smallest glass fibre pond, when filled with plants and

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froglife, can be a thing of joy.

At last I have a pond in my garden; a small affair of no great distinction, but a wonder to me. Since it needed to fit within a limited space, I opted for a semicircular shaped pond with an old timber forming the diameter, where it drops steeply to its deepest point of 3ft.

A grassy periphery, with a small swampy area for plants such as water mint, creeping Jenny and marsh marigold, slopes gently to provide access for birds and frogs, shelving towards the middle. I have scooped troughs in the surface of the shelves, which will later hold soil in which to put the

I had anticipated that the garden would resemble a building site during the making of the pond, but have been amuzed at the nemness with which it has taken place, largely because of the good advice are trave had. we have had.

I laid out an outline with bamboos and hosepipe several weeks earlier, and have been adjusting it since to take account of access, shape and general proportions. My husband and I hired a skip and dug out a huge volume of earth beneath the outline. With the use of planks, boards and barrows, we avoided torn lawns and muddy mess.

The soil below a spade's depth is packed clay and fint, and although I guessed that the hole might be watertight, everyone we consulted recommended the use of a waterproof lining material, The choice is between buryl and PVC, both of which come in several different standards. Tears and leaks are a musance, so it is best to shop around and look carefully at quality and the guarantee period, rather than at price guarantees. Our pond is fairly small (about 9ft by 6ft), so we

chose a good quality Dutch PVC, which is slightly easier to crease and fold than butyl. The best be disturbed by the squirting quality butyl lasts for more than water. The weight of the water 50 years, but, like the PVC we chose, is guaranteed for 20, as long as it is not subjected for 20, as long as it is not subjected to the direct place of sunlight, which weakens it.

Our lawn is not flat, so pegs, planks and a spirit level were required to establish levels, and to make sure the swamp (under the same than th which the liner extends) would be adequately wet, but not under water. The task of removing all water. The task of removing all sharp surface items, which might tear the liner, is one which has to be carried out meticulously. If your soil is full of sharp rock or flint, it is advisable afterwards to give flat areas (the depths, shelves and the bottom of the troughs) a lover of sand and to line the idea. and the bottom of the troughs) a layer of sand, and to line the sides with a thick layer of newspaper. The sanded and papered hole can be covered with pond underfeiting, which good garden centres will sell you with the liner. A liner gently laid upon this base, smoothed down to the bettom of smoothed down to the bottom of the hole and over the rising shelves, should not be punctured

from beneath. We put a mixture of sieved topsoil and grit in the troughs where future waterplants were to be planted, and then began filling the pond with a hose. We tied an

• Give naturalized bulbs ingrass a light feed of house soule compost or bonemeal to help them halld strength for next year's flowering.

 Begin planting out vegetables raised under glass, such as lettuce, onions, and the subbage family. Prosect with span fleece if you are nervous about

 Keep on top of weeding, especially dandelines which are sending up flowers.
 Feed fruit trees if you neglected to do so earlier.

There is still time to renew aress of here lawar prick over with fork, rake, sow and protect

from cale and birds with fisece or

old T-shirt around the nozzle of the hose, so that the soil would not smooths down most of the liner creases and folds and, when it reaches the desired level, the onefoot overlap can be secured under paving, wood edges or grass. Whatever the nature of the sur-round, it should overlang the water slightly so that it shades the liner from the sun if the water

lèvel drops. The pond I most admire was made some years ago by Chris Bunes, in his garden in Hagley, west of Birmingham. He laid extra pond underfelting on top of the liner and covered it with soil to give a natural impression and to protect the liner. We were afraid of blurring the contours of our smaller pond, so we left the liner to silt over naturally and laid soil around the shallow edge where the bner meets the turf of the lawn.

To get rid of any chemicals in the water, a pond that has been filled from a garden hose should be left for at least a formight before any plants are put into it. Water plants come into garden centres and specialist shops in mid-April, so there should be a good choice. Nowadays it is much easier to buy a range of more natural-looking plants such as the water violet (Hottonia palustris),

white-flowered water crowfoot (Ramunculus aquatilis), water mint (Mentha aquatilis), marsh marigold (Caltha palustris), the delightful lax kingcup and the more compact double form (C. palustris Plena) and bog bean (Menyanthes trifoliata). The native vellow flay (Iris newdacous) tive yellow flag (Iris pseudacorus) and the sweet iris (Acorus

smaller cultivated form with variegated leaves. The pretty blue iris from the East, Iris laevigata, has an equally attractive variety with variegated leaves, and another with white flowers.

For more formal pools or a more cultivated look, there are many plants which thrive in and around ponds - many hardy water lily cultivars, bostas, the tall red Lobelia cardinalis with rich

red flowers and purpled leaves, mimulus of several kinds, exotic primulas. However, it is important to remember that pools with a high carbon dioxide and mineral content (most garden ponds) are likely to become covered with green algae unless there are adequate submerged plants removing these nutrients.
Fortunately, many of these plants are decorative. Hornworts

Ceratophyllum demersum and C. submersum and parrot's feather, Myriophyllum proserpinacoides, have feathery foliage (the latter needs to be over-wintered inside). Water crowfoot and water violet also function as water-clarifying plants. While the plants become established, the water may be dishearteningly murky and green, but it will clear. If a range of pond animals is desired, a bucket of water taken from an established pond and gently lowered into the new one will speed the process of colonization.

• Useful books: How to Make a

Wildlife Garden by Chris Baines (Elmtree Books, £7.95); Water Gardens by Gordon Ledbetter (A&C Black, £8.95); Water Gardens (RHS Wisley Handbook/Cassell, £3.95); Pearls in the Landscape by Chris Probert (Farming Press, £10.95).

WEATHER-EYE

Nipped in the buds

"OUR severest winter, commonly called the spring" - seldom can Cowper's words have been more apt for gardeners. Apart from some sharp frosts at the end of November, we had a virtually frost-free winter until the beginning of April, when two or three nights with temperatures as low as -5°C (23°F) in parts of southern England did untold harm.

Many trees and shrubs were a month ahead of schedule, and those in advanced bud or full flower suffered particularly. Among my shrubs, all the deciduous azaleas, some rhododendrons and the wisteria have lost their flowers. More surprising, the leaves on many buddleras and a prized handkerchief tree (Davidia Involucrata) have been badly scorched, as have the new shoots

Conversely, more vulnerable species, including a convulvulus cneorum in flower and a fremontodendron, have been unscathed. It is too early to know whether the apples, which have yet to flower, or the pear, which was in full bloom, have survived. The plums had already finished flowering, and have almost cer-tainly suffered heavy losses.

It is tempting to assume that the frosts were exceptional, or to wonder how to avoid such damage in future. In terms of record lows, the temperatures were not that exceptional for April. Indeed, hard frosts can occur well into May. In an extreme case in 1935, mid-month frosts destroyed some 80 per cent of the British fruit crop.

The reason that the frosts were so damaging this year was the advanced state of some plants, brought on by the mild winter and the early spring weather. Species whose development is governed by the length of daylight are less likely to be caught out by such unseasonable behaviour. Moreover, in most cases the damage is temporary, and next year they will be back to normal.

The scope for taking evasive action is limited. It is difficult to protect wisteria that covers the side of the house or good-sized shrubs or fruit trees. The only reliable strategy is to have the widest possible selection of plants, so that hardy survivors or late flowering varieties will com-pensate for the gaps.

W. J. Burroughs

plants, but the latter comes in a **GARDENS TO VISIT**

columns) are both rather large

dfordshire: King's Arms Path Garden, Amothili. Woodland garden created out of derelict land. Entrance opposite Market Square, Ampthill, down King's Arms Yard. Teas. Aduit 30p, child 15p. Sun, 2.30-5pm. Shropshire: Erway Farm with daphnes, hardy geraniums, peonies and many

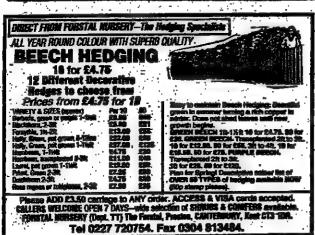
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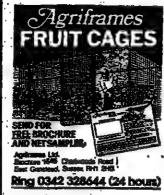
anemones, bluebells, etc. Pool and bog garden. Through Meidrim, on B4298 W of Carmarthen, leave by centre lane sigued Llanboidy, right at signpost to Blaenwaum, right again to Cwmbach (garden at bottom of hill). Adult £1, child 50p. Sun, from 2pm. Jordans (3m NE of Beaconsfield). Garden on different levels, rare trees, border, variegated plants. Hostas and seraniums vegetable and fruit garden/solar greenhouse, vine house pond. From A40, halfway between Gerrand's Cross and Beaconsfield, turn N into Potkiln Lane; then im on, left into Jordans village; turn at far side of

green, Adult £1, child 25p. Teas/lunches. Mon, 11am-6pm. Essex: Lower Dairy House (7m N of Coichester on A134). Natural stream with waterade planting, rockery and raised beds, borders, bulbs, blossom. Turn left at bottom of hill, before Nayland village, into Water Lane (signed Lattle Horkesley), garden balf a mile on left, par farm buildings. Tess. Adult £1, child 50p. Sun, Mon. Gloscostenhire: The Bell House (9m SW of Gloucester off A48). Landscaped two-acre garden - trees and shrubs, water garden. Beside church close to Westbury Court Gardens (NT). Teas/plants. Adult 80p, child 40p. Sun, 11am-5pm.

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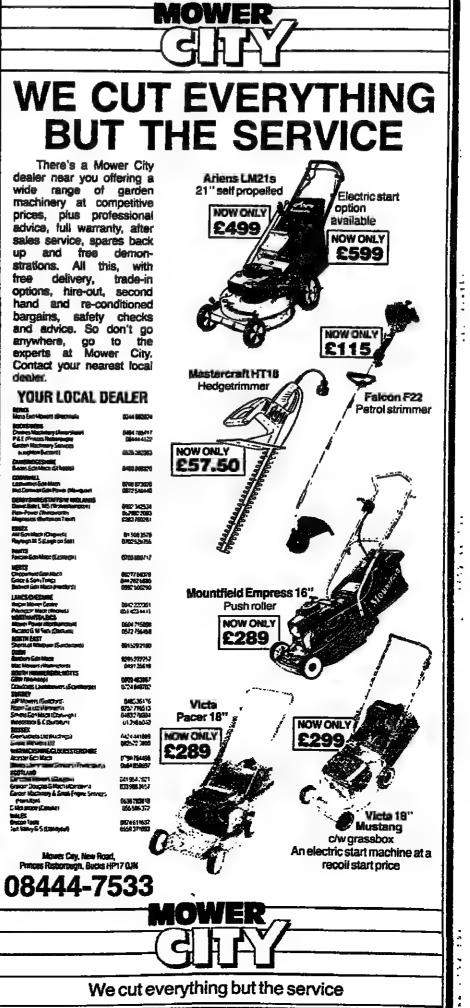
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The art of a classier glass

lass is getting classier, and collecting examples is taking on a new dimension, thanks to an increasing number of British glassmakers who are producing more imaginative, decorative and functional pieces. Colours are bolder and form and makers produce custom-made glassware

cesses encouraging freedom of expression, glassmaking is becoming one of the fastest-developing crafts in the country. The diversity of styles can be seen at exhibitions, interior design shops and craft galleries around Britain. Many designertexture more sensual. And with new pro- and readily discuss their techniques.

Anthony Stern specializes in baroque; decorative work; for example, combining glass with copper to give a silver, verdigris, black or bright fin-ish. The glass is iridized while still molten so that clear glass looks lustrous and coloured glass takes on a softly glowing sheen. His coloured drinking sheen. His coloured drinking glasses are becoming popular.

• Anthony Stern Glass, Unit 205, Havelock Terrace, London SW8 (01-622 9463). Stockists his studio (contact Dora Firth): Harrods (01-730 1234) and Harvey Nichols (01-235 5000), both in Knightsbridge, SW1; Collier Campbell, 45 Conduit Street, W1 (01-287 2217); and the Conran Shop, 81 Fulham Road, SW3 (01-589 7401).

Nick Munro, better known for his metalwork - curly wirework eggcups, toasters and quaint triangular saft and pepper mills — is creating a collection of crackle-glass tableware, using the technique of shocking hot glass, popu-larly used early this century. His first piece is a butter dish. due in the shops by autumn, which is the forerunner of a range including a marmalade jar and drinking glasses.

Nick Munro 25 Talbot Street,
Chester, (0244 318901).

Priscilla Morgan graduated from West Surrey College of Art and Design three years ago. Her pieces are blown with transitioent colours on the inside then glass powder is sieved on to the surface to create a speckled texture. Finally, she etches the surface to reveal the colour composition behind the façade. Ms Morgan recently launched a new line of jugs, bowls and vases with ciear bodies and aquamarine handles, rims and bands.

8 Priscilla Morgan's Workshop, South Bank Crafts Centre, 164-167 Hungerford Arches, SEI-8XX (01-928 0681). A selling exhibition teless place from June 5-23 at Cecilia Colman Gallery, 67 S. John's Word Fiel. 67 St John's Wood Fligh Street, NW8 (01-722-0686).

Hothouse, a glassmaking partnership comprising Paul Bar-croft, Anthony Wassell and Malcolm Suschiffe, offers three distinctive styles. Production hand-made, using traditional

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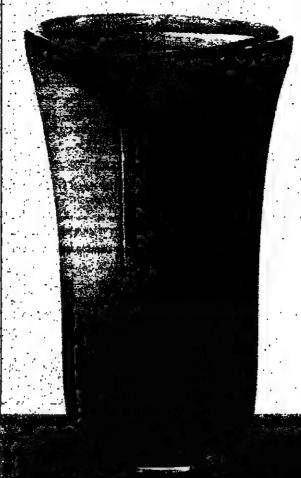
• Hothouse, Unit 18, Vampuard Trading Estate, Storforth Lane, Chesterfield. Derbyshire: S40 27Z. (0246 220217). Hothouse will be exhibiting at Learnington Hastings Gallery. Rambulkshire: (0226. 632754) from April 23-May 13, and from May 22-June 23 at Opus 1, Maddox Street, W1 (01-495 2570).

Sarah Broadbead, a trained textile designer, makes dec-crative dishes and glass coasters, and has tackled windows and special plates designed for specific occasions. Her work is kiln-formed in two stages, then hand-finished. The tech-nique includes the use of enamel colours on and between two layers of glass. In some pieces, pockets of air are introduced between the layers of glass, either by engraving or adding pieces of glass, to introduce a three-dimensional textured pattern. She makes. about 200 pieces a year. All are individually numbered.

Sarah, Broadhéad, 69 River-dale, Wrecclesham, Surrey-GU10 4PJ (0252 724395), Stock-lsts include Cecilia Coleman Gallery, Sue Williams Gallery, Portobello Road, W11 (01-960 6123). Crancester Worksham.



Annica Sandström and David Kaplan (Lindean Mill)



Fleur Tockey (The Glasshouse): sculptural vase

Manchester's Royal Exchange Theatre Craft Shop (061-833 9333); Farnham's New Ashgate Gallery (0252 713208).

Aunica Sandström and David Kaplan have a small workshop in the Scottish borders. where they produce a standard range of 24 per cent lead crystal glasses, vases and bowls. One-offs are sold through exhibitions.

 Lindean Mill Glass, Lindean Lindean Mill Glass, Lindean Mill, Galashielt, Selkirkshire, Scotland TD1 3PE (0750 20173). Open by appointment. Stockists include Liberty, Regent Street, W1 (01-734 1234); Cirencester Workshops, Hitchcocks, 10 Chapel Row, Queen's Square, Bath BAI 1HN (0225 330646); The Glassmarket, 25 Jeffry St. Edinburgh (031-557 3517).

The Glasshouse celebrates its 21st anniversary this year. Over the past two decades it has become an established part of the studio glass move-ment and features work by four top British designer-mak-ers — Christopher Williams, Fleur Tookey, David Taylor and Annette Meach - all of whom use the workshop at the back of the gallery, where visitors can see pieces being

sculptural pieces. • The Glasshouse, Acre, WC2 (01-836 9785). The Landon Glassbi Workshop was founded in 1976 by Peter Layton and has

established a reputation for a distinctive visual style with lavish use of colour. Techmiques such as sand-blasting, acid-etching and metalwork are all part of the repertoire, and each piece is signed by the artist. Most pieces are oneoffs, ranging from paper-weights and vases through to sculptural, decorative forms. Work is sold direct from the watch the glassblowing.

 The London Glassblowing Workshop, 109 Rotherhithe. Street, SE16 4NF (01-237 0394). Open 11am-6pm Mon-Fri, by appointment at weekends.

Glass-Works is a trio of designer-makers - Steven Newell, Catherine Hough and Simon Moore - who want their work to be available to everyone, not only those who can afford to buy one-off pieces, and try to keep alive the originality of designs.

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Anthony Wassell (Hothouse): Delta vase with finned lid (left) and sculptural pieces



Brewery Court, Cirencester, carved scent bottles and func- Street, WC2; the Crafts Council Gloucestershire (0285 651566); though jugs, bowls and vases to Shop at the Victoria and Albert Musem; Harrods and Harvey Nichols.

An exhibition of contemporary glass takes place from May 22-June 23 at Opus 1, 25a Maddox Street, London W1 (01-495 2570). On show, and for sale, will be free-blown, cast, kiln-formed and engraved pieces from more than 25 different makers working in Britain. Open 10am-5.30pm Mon-Fri; 11am-5.30pm Sat. Harrods International Crystal Room is hosting an exclusive exhibition, and sale, of glass by Peter Crisp, the Australian artist, during May. The pieces, most of which appear to defy all rules applying to glass

construction, comprise vessels

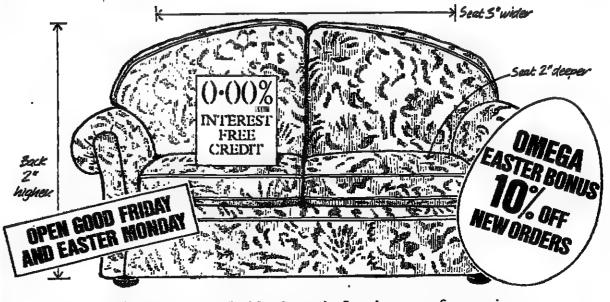
and tableware in improbable shapes and colours. Permanent collections of contemporary glass can be seen at the Victoria & Albert Museum, South Kensington, SW7; Broadfield House Museum, Barnet Lane, Kings Winford, West Midlands; Glasgow Art Gallery; Pilkington Glass Museum, St

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Artist with a touch of the mystical

sit art, or craft, or design? sponse. So I am adding metal, Who knows, least of all wood and stone to my pieces." that master of glass Danny Lane, the maverick star of a sculptural fur-niture show at Crucial Gallery

in west London. His glass Etruscan chair provoked amazement five years ago, but few buyers were prepared to pay the £450 limited edition of 150 now price. Now this chair has costing £1,100 each, and a become an icon of the Eighties, with a collectable value set at Christie's last year when a pair sold for £1,760.

Mr Lane's ability to turn harsh glass into a piece of furniture says much about his skills as an artist. But for him the magic of the creative process surpasses the comnercial benefits.

"At first I was eager to sell these chairs, but no one anted to buy. Now everyone is after them; but I don't want to make them anymore," he says. "I feel I have taken the use of glass to a stage where I

vant to move on. "Glass evokes a spiritual, almost mystical response in people. But, like a musical score, I want to introduce different notes into this re-

Despite his lack of interest in adopting a commercial approach, serious money now changes hands for pieces which, he says self-deprecatingly, "just make themselves". The show at Crucial inciudes the Etruscan chair, in a cement chair at £700. His Dwarf chair, whose back comprises birch balls "strung" on the uprights, a bit like a

The Woodcutter's table (£6,000), a 6ft diameter circle of Cedar of Lebanon, split and chain-sawed into different shapes, then re-assembled under the compression of a ship's anchor chain, is a new departure. So is a burr elm table, attached to movable parts of steel and stone, whose surface flotilla of chunky glass. rods reflects the timber's

A greenish, glowing glass "fountain" (£15,000) made of stacked discs of glass recalls earlier pieces, but a huge wall installation (£15,000) - a

sideways abacus, costs £950.

grainy landscape.

Detractors say that the pieces are thrown together, rejecting normal design considerations, such as whether a



Seat of fortune: Danny Lane's £1,100 Etruscan chair

different materials - provides new scope for his techniques. A curious cabinet (£7,500) in cement and glass-fibre, with intricate carvings, has a totem quality and is called Yemanja, after the Brazilian deity.

chair is comfortable to sit on. Mr Lane agrees. "This is sculpture as much as forniture. People try too hard to categorize things. I am more interested in expressing the

 Danny Lane's show continues until May 28 at Crucial, 204 Kensington Park Road, London W11 (01-229 1940).

THE WEEK IN PREVIEW

PHOTOGRAPHY

LOUIS STETTNER: Born in 1922. this native New Yorker studied with Steightz and Paul Strand before arriving at a style of documentary photography firmly in the humanist tradition. His best pictures capture city late with an astonishing sense of participation and his design sense within each photograph is a loy to see.

Kate Heller Gallery, London, NW1 (01-287 8328). From Tues. STANISLAW WITKIEWICZ: (1899-1939) The photography of this playwright, philopsopher, painter photographer and Polish national nero is being exhibited for the first time outside Poland. It features work from all periods of his life. Photographers Gallery, 5 and 6 Great Newport St London WC2 (01) 831 1772. From Friday to May 26.

ROCK

LISA STANSFIELD: Rochdaleborn, "All Around the World" star, from the same post-House stable as Yazz Winner of Best Newcomer category in the 1990 BRITS

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SINEAD O'CONNOR: Shavenheaded Irish warf with a voice as bracing as a bright winter's morning. Currently doing brisk business, especially in America, with I Do Not Want What I Haven't

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KYLIE MINOGUE: Bright, wholesome and multi-talented poppet whose appeal shows no sign of diminishing how ever much her detractors may wish otherwise. NEC, Birmingham (021 780 4133) Tues-Thurs.

MANDELA CONCERT: Calebratory follow-up to the 1988 70th Birthday tribute. Featuring Simple Minds, Peter Gabriel, Tracy Chapman, the Neville Brothers, Daniel Lanois, Neil Young and many others. Live broadcast on BBC2 Spm-10pm. Wembley Stadium (01-902 1234)

LENNY KRAVITZ: Flock'n'roli dread with influences. encompassing the Beatles, Stax and Prince. Aiready well on the way to stardom in America. Marquee. London WC2 (01-437 6603) Wed.

SALES

PRINTS PARADE: A chance for young collectors to get started with a wide variety of prints offered petween £600-£1,000. Andy Warhol's 10 coloured silk screens "Campbells soup II" signed in ballpoint 1969 are strictly for the wealthy (£32,000-£38,000). Sotheby's, London W1 (01-493 8080). Viewing tomorrow, Wed. Sale Thurs, Fr.

EASTER EXCURSION: Edwardian Secretaire Chest (£500-£700) worth watching in 160-lot general sale. Restored 19th-century partners' desk also on offer and not too expensive at between £1,500 and £2000. Criterion Sale Rooms, Islington, London N1 (01-359 5707). Viewing today, tomorrow, Mon. Sale Mon.

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ROYAL BALLET: Tonight's Prince of the Pagodas is cancelled. Only two more performances this season (Wed, Thurs); Giselle (Frl). Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066).

SCOTTISH BALLET: Final week of the tour including Salanchine's Who Cares?. King's Theatre, Edinburgh (031-2291201) Tues-Apr 21.

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JAZZ

Tot all young jazz saxophonists are hard-line enthusiasts of 100-notesto-the-bar displays of technique, or present an arrogant face to the public. One who is not is Scott Hamilton (right), an American tenorist who first made an impact on the scene about 10 years ago. His first visit to Britain, in the company of a like-minded fellow horn-player, Warren Vache, came at a time when his kind of music might not have been expected to attract the crowds, but it proved very popular, and Hamilton is acknowledged now as one of the finest exponents of swing and mainstream jazz currently working. On his emergence he was an immediate success, but again unlike some of his contemporaries, he has remained likeable and maintained his appetite for development. A recent album release has happily led him to make a British visit, beginning next week. On Tuesday he will be at London's mainstream mecca, the Bull's Head, near Barnes Bridge, playing with pianist John Pearce, plus Paul Morgan and Alan Ganley. He moves into the basement of the Pizza Express in Dean Street, Soho on Friday, to play three nights. The latter is particularly appropriate, since it was there, under the aegis of the always-acute Peter Boizot, that Hamilton first played in London. The Pyramids, Southsea (0705 826666) Mon; Bull's Head, London SW13 (01-876 5241) Tues; Pizza Express. London W1 (01-439 8722) Fri-Tony Patrick

CHICO FREEMAN: The neo-boo saxophonist is expected in town with the more accessible fusion group, Brainstorm, playing material from the live album The Mystical Dreamer. Ronnie Scott's Club, London W1

(01-439 0747). Mon-Sat. FESTIVAL OF VOICE: A six-day season includes Julie Tippett (Tues), blues singer Carol Grimes (Fri) and pop-soul sets by lan Shaw and Sarah Jane Morris (Sa Vortex Jazz Bar, London N16 (01-254 8516). Tues-Sun 22.

CONCERTS

WOLFGANG'S GLORY: The City of London Sinfonia is conducted by Igor Kennaway in the Zauberficts Overture, Symphony No 40 and, with Sara Wolfensohn as soloist, the Plano Concerto K 488. Barbican Centre, London EC2 (01-638 8891). Mon.

DEFRIENDING SAMARITANS: In aid of Samarrans Worldwide and Betnenders International, the highly accomplished young planist Gordon Fergus-Thompson gives a recital in memory of John Ogdon,



CONCERTOS FOR TWO: Alded and abetted by The Philharmonia under Semyon Bychkov, Kata and Manelle Labeque offer a pair of little-heard concertos for two pianos, by Mendelssohn and Bruch. Fore and aft. Bizet's youthful Symphony in C and Berio's unusual Ribrata Notturna di Madrid, based on Boodiermi.

Royal Concert Hall, Nottingham (0602 482626), Wed. THREE TRIOS: Starting a new meries built around Bea prano trios, the York Trio begins

No 1, following up with Mozart's Trio K 564 and Dvorsk's Trio Op Blackheath Concert Hall, London SE3 (01-463 0100). Thurs.

where he began, with the Trio Op 1

BOURNEMOUTH RITE: Andrew Litton conducts the Sournemouth Symphony Orchestre in works Including Stravinsky's rousing. Sacre du Printemps.

The Guildhall, Southampton. Fri.

FILM

THE HUNT FOR RED OCTOBER Large, lumbering, old-fashioned emergenent with Sean Connery as the commander of a Societ submarine planning to defect to the West, Based on Tom Clancy's best-selling novel. Directed by John McTiernan, Empire (01-437 1234). From Wed.

MOUNTAINS OF THE MOON \$155 Sob Ratelson's spectactair account of Victorian explorers Burron and Speke searching for the source of the Nile; with Patrick Berom, lam Glen. Odeon Leicester Square (01-930 6111). From Frt.

ROGER AND ME (15); Michael Moore's retreeting, contoclastic documentary about the effect of car factory closures on the director's home town (Flicit.)

Michigan). Wager West End (01-439 0791) Campon Tottenham Court Road (01-636 6148). From Fri.

SHOCKER (15): Wearisome accidon to the strater film stockolle from wither-director Was Craven; with Misch Pringer as the malovolent spirit of en executed mass folier. Carmon Panton Street (01-930 0631). Prom Fri. : : ;

JAMES BALDWINE THE PRICE OF THE TICKET (PG): Powerful documentary portrait about the American writer; directed by Karen Thorson. Riverside Studios (01-748 3354). From Fri.

KOMITAS: Visionary evocation of the life of an Armenian monk and composer, directed by Don Askarian. Plus two new animation shorts from the Query Brothers. ICA Cinema (01-930/3647), From

OPERA

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE: Die Meistersinger, in a traditional production by John Cox, with Barnd Welld impressive as Hare-Sachs. Well conducted by Christoph von Dohnanyi Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066). Mon.

ENGLÍSH NATICINAL OPERA: A revival of Arizonia on Nasion conducted by Lionel Friend, with Anne Evens as Ariadne and actor Michael Hordern in the speaking role of the Major Domo. London Coliseum, London WC2 (01-836 3161), Fri.

ENGLISH HATYONAL OPERA: AH entimaling production of Verdi's Machein by David Pountney, superbly conducted by Mark Elder, London Collegum (as above): Wed and Sat Apr 21.

OPERA NORTH: Rawled of Glock's Orpheus and Eurydics, which has been produced and designed by Philip Prowse. The cast includes Sally Burgess, and the conductor is Circe Timms. Grand Theatre, Leeds (0532 440971). Sat Apr 21.

GALLERIES

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SYDNEY HAPPLEY RA: Pitmen new bronzes by a contervetive figurative sculptor who is derided by critics but who frequently sells about £100,000 worth of Otals at the Royal Academy Summer Show, Chris Beetles Gallery, London SW1 (01-839 7551). From Wed.

ANDZIEJ JACKOWSKI: Works by this gloomy, poetic tendscape peinter of growing reportation. Scott Gallery, Lancaster (1524 65201): From Fri.

A NORTHERN SCHOOL: Works by Lancashire artists since 1900, such as Harold Rilley, Alan Lownes, Adrian Herntland inevitably, L.S. Lowry. Boundary Gallery, London NW8 (01-624 1126). From Fri.

THEATRE

ALICE'S DINER: Improvington/minis/mesk show with Berr Serenor, Rodoly Maude Rody, Michael Mulkerin and Jeremy Stockwell. Bush Theorie, London W12 (III-743 3368). Previews from Tues.

CAROUSEL: Stewart Trotter directs the Rogers and Haramarstein impaical, with Chris Howard, Penalope Mackey and Gail Mordey.

Quary Theatre, West Yorkshire
Playhouse, Leeds (0532 442111).
Previews from Frt. Opens Apr 24.

THE COMEDY OF ERRORS: RSC Stratford, fain Judge directs cast including Estate Mother, Oraham Terner and Devid Walter. RST, Stratford-upon-Ayon/87788 Opens Apr 25.

GRAVE PLOTE: Landon premiero of 1986 Edinburgh Fringe First winner, by David Kane. Billy McColl in a black face set in 1926. Old Red Lion, London EC1 (01-833 3053). Province from Tues. Open

IN SUMSHIME AND IN SHADOW: Merityr Inc present Alan Osborne's latest play. From the company which brought us. House of America. Battersea Arts Centre, Old Town HSE, LONDON SWIT (01-228 2223).

TAGE US AND CRESSIDA: Sittion Russell Beale, Afred Burke, Paul Jesson, Dawd Troughson, Norman Rodwsy, Sally Destar, John Warnaby, Ralph Flennes and Amanda Root, Sam Mendes.

Swan: Strattford-upon-Avon (0789) 295623). Previews from Wed. Opens Apr 26.

VANILLA: Joenne Lumley, Sien Phillips, and Charlotte Comwell directed by Herald Pinter in a comedy of money and social climbing, set in contemporary New York, by Jene Stanton Hitchcock. Touring to Theatre Royal, Bath, their Lyne, Shaftesbury Avenue. Theatre Royal, Brighton (0273 28468). Opens Mon. Unit Apr 28.

The Times Prize Jumbo Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Title of Byron's relation of Assyrian descent (3.11,2.11).
- 15 Columbine for instance, one captured by the Roman eagle (9) 16 Seventy per cent of Johnson's work in a
- manner of speaking (7) 17 Call a giant without one for part in morality play (9)
- 18 Root vegetable about to be hidden in a woman's garment (7)

19 Being one was Major Barbara's father's

- religion (11) 20 Safe mostly holds a form of oil made from leaf-stalk (7)
- 21 Found guilty of having steered round the sea in reverse (9)
- 22 Write play about violin-maker captured by turbulent reds (9)
- 24 Those looking for leaders of king's
- embassy among the prophets (7) 25 It's about sins needing correction brook no denial (6)
- 27 A little talk with a girl one carrying house-keys etc (10)
- 30 Some bright spark calls it in wrongly (9) 34 The lion represented in old stone (7)
- 36 Leave undone, or allow to soak inside 37 Actor gets by with late finish (9)
- 39 Time in the bar maybe time without one by the river (5)
- 40 Senior officer follows classical customs in the dance (7)
- 41 Gaze wide-eyed, say, seeing one in flight
- 42 Did wrong about royalty getting fleeced
- 43 501 such clergymen on the board (7) 44 Like Aaron's calf beheaded in such
- bygone days (5) 46 One killed from time to time "pour
- encourager les autres" (7) 48 One's in the drink in a way in church (5)
- 49 Peter gets nice shake-up from an earthquake here (9)
- 50 Like leading ballerina in endless tears from stern reproof (9)
- 52 Make this old vessel retire in disorder holding Medusa's head (7) 54 Like Peter Pan or a staunch supporter of
- the environment (9) 57 Where Trollope's Towers refuse to admit Marmion's charger (10)
- 58 Father's eminence as a priest (6)
- 61 In High Church feature we see how Muses affect us (7)
- 64 Russia's central form of transport (9) 66 Slight disruption of paradise about
- midnight (9) 68 An attendant receives article as a natural attribute (7)
- 69 Manages to give notice to clergymen 71 Delight, with inclination to go topless
- 72 Like the upper strata, too gin-fuddled (9)
- 73 Ruth in the field of Boaz beginning to get less fat (7)
- 74 A case runs out of guarantee (9) 75 States irregularities have not been brought to book - or why "One man's meat etc" (6,2,10,3,6).

DOWN

- Movement of North Star before battle has a deal of significance (11)
- New outline of a washing process (7)
- 5 In Paris Venus appears so defenceless (7)
- infantile gait (7) Phoebe so very rarely sad? (4,2,1,4,4)
- style (11)
- We hear Jolson's boy is a Muslim (5)
- A sport upset about nothing that's fate
- 13 It's about a flower that left the bed a
- London (9,6)
- 23 Unwillingness to move in one rate revision (7)
- currency supply (4-7)
- "esclument" (11) 33 Round the East a drug-dealer, note,
- drink a lot (7)
- 38 Japanese art shows up The Butterfly Stage including The Island State (7)
- on the Thames (5,3,2,1,4). 41 An Iberian Joe Miller? (7,8)
- lasting value (7) Signifies "wherewithal" (5) Motel gives an example of Humpty
- Dumpty's philological baggage (11) Its importance has been dramatically
- French stained glass window (9) 56 Wishing to get back a gain lost perhaps
- 59 Song about a high-class car or a tree (9)
- 62 A brief line in part of a play that describes a triangle (7) 63 Senate worried about one such wind in
- 65 Pole run disorganized by a bit of an insect (7) 66 Some balladist afflicted by the spinner's
- casements, opening on the foam Of perilous seas" (Keats) (5)

- Producers of bigger pictures (9) 4 The sting deviously thus intensifies its
- Fleet Street barber went ahead with
- One mistrial needs correction, eastern
- 10 It was all the same in days of yore (9)
- 12 A beer that somehow gets one's circulation going (5-4)
- second time (7) 14 Hammer away at the main game in SW
- 26 Its operation depends on some fall in the
- 28 Boy helper wrong making a mountain out of a molehill (9) -, where you sit, shall crowd into a shade" (Pope) (5)
- Infirm of purpose, retire in confusion with inner soul distressed (10) Shining example of a clue for
- appears in female garb (10) 35 In this variety of element I therefore
- 37 First of a number of Yuletide gifts (9)
- Those accompanied by Montmorency 45 Bad rule needs amendment to be of
- demonstrated (11) King George is having trouble with the
- 60 Jenny? Or one employed by the rates department (8)
- the Mediterranean (7)
- 67 Opposing the Turkish commander in a

Prizes of £50 will be given for the first five correct solutions opened on Monday, May 1, 1990. Entries should be sent to The Times Easter Jumbo Crossword Competition, The Times, 1 Pennington Street, London, E1 9XN. The winners and solution will be published on Saturday, May 5.

37 Expiation (9) 54 Wicked sorceress. Name Address

SOLUTION TO NO 2152 (yesterday's concise crossword) ACROSS: 8 Gestapo 9 Usual 10 Noh 11 Beelzebub 12 Snail 14 Nucleus 17 Mon-

ocle 19 Vegan 22 Colourful 24 Sap 25 Uboat 26 Realise DOWN: 1 Agents 2 Asthma 3 Carbolic 4 Come under fire 5 Quiz 6 Bubble 7 Globes 13 Neo 15 Civilian 16 USA 17 Mock-up 18 Nelson 20 Gossip 21 Nephew 23 Up to

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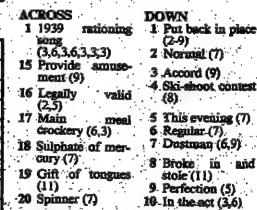
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The winners of prize concise No 2152 are: Mlchael Nixon, London W10; Mrs J. Caddy, Barton-on-Sea, New Milton, Hampshire.

Concise Jumbo

There are no prizes for this crossword. The



- 21 Sang loudly (6,3) 22 Softened soaking (9) 24 involve in conflict (7) 25 Fiords (6)
- 27 Soil enhancer **30** Using up (9) 34 Sit-up tub (7) 36 Pub server (9)
- 39 Facilitates (5) 40 Take back (7) 41 Harmonious sounds (5)
- 42 Make clear (7) 43 Find source (5,2) 44 Failure (5)" 46 Declined (7) 48 Eight musicians

group (5)

- 49 Sickened (9) 50 Skilled ... wood-worker (9) 52 Sick (3,4)
- (4,5)57 Shakily (10) 58 Potemkin mutiny base (6)
- 61 Wild marjorato 64 Racing sledge (9)
- 68 Latent (7) 69 Lack of remorse
- **71** Forgiver (7) 72 Native Austra
- lian (9). 73 · In womb (7) 74 Horse girth (9)
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14 Intuitive feeling 28 Engaged in con-

33 Temperature maintainer (10) 35 Stern, severe (7) 37 Inherited from forefathers (9)

31 Carrying on (10)

32 Lack of precision

Ski-shoot contest

11. Timidity (2,5)

12 Not edible (9)

(7,8)

26 Brilliant

gem (5,6)

flict (9)

29 Earth (5)

23 Bullfighters (7)

13 Italian rice dish

38 Notable deed (7) 39 Friendly understanding (7,8) 41 Blue Angel star

(7.8)

45 Give in (7) 47 Destined (5) 51 Glorious (11) 53 US Marine (11)

55 Expression of regret (4,1,4) 56 Western Islander (9) 66 Stretch too far 59 Course (9)

60 Explorativé study (8) 62 Lower ear (7) 63 Reality evader **(7)** · 65 Harass husband

(7) 66 Excess type (7) 75 All : conceivable 67 African spear (7) 70 Builder's

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SATURDAY APRIL 14 1990

Hussain carries last hopes for battered England

From Alan Lee Cricket Correspondent St John's, Antiqua

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STRICT observance of Good Friday may have enforced it, but England's staggering cricketers yesterday found themselves welcoming the absurdity of a rest day with the fifth and final Test match only one day old. Indeed, if their team manager, Micky Stewart, had been a basketball coach, he would probably have called "time-out".

England were rushed into this decisive match so quickly after their defeat in Barbados that their brains had no time to readjust and their injured men no chance to recover, and their patchy batting on Thurs-day was all too predictable, The game, and the series, may now be almost beyond recall but a day's break gave some chance of restoring the vital commodities of which England, at least temporarily, have sold out.

The critical second day will reveal all. England start 150 runs short of an acceptable score. Nasser Hussain is a quality innings abort of jus-tifying his selection for this tour. Unless the two targets are achieved together today, the match could soon be out of England's despairing reach.

Hussain won the wild card batting place when the tour selectors were joined by his county captain and mentor, Graham Gooch, He is a vibrant young talent but, thus far, has managed nothing to indicate that Atherton would not have been a better pick. His footwork is limited, making him an low candidate, and he plays with his bet angled, so that the ball squirts away behind square. He is sharp of eye and gifted with attacking flair, but he has not yet looked a Test player. Today is vital to his short-term prospects.

Of equal interest will be West Indies bowing approach. Hussain and Jack
Russell are the last pair likely
to delay them, and after the
traditional Bank Holiday rain
throughout this series, though there may be enough moisture never more than on Thursday, in the pitch to encourage a that the crowds reserve their



ntimidated into silence.

This has been quite a week

West Indian team manager,

repeating his support for a panel of independent umpries

from around the world to

police all Test matches. "It

would take away all the sus-

picions that touring teams inevitably have about local umpires," he explained.

his bowlers for the attack on

Smith but confirmed that the

cantions on the field nor, as had been suspected, instructed the West Indians during the

tea interval to desist. The lull

after this break was striking,

but Lloyd insisted: "Nothing

was said, so we must assume

they did not think it was

"My own view is that the English batsmen are being hit

regularly on the hands because

they are playing too low. This

is the bounciest pitch we have

not adjust to it. Some of them are also front-foot players and

the bouncer is a legitimate

"Walsh had something to

prove here, after being left out

in Barbados, and I think he

was putting in a little bit extra," he added.

It is Lloyd's belief that the

pitch will be at its best, for

batting, over the next two days. If that is the case, then

Lamb's decision to bat first, when Richards was de-monstrably easer to bowl, will be deemed an unwarranted

gamble which has emptied England's recently-buiging

April debut

for Richards

ALAN Butcher, the Giamorgan

captain, confirmed yesterday that Viv Richards will make his

long-awaited debut for the Welsh county in the first match

of their Benson & Hedges zone

games, against Warwickshire, at Edgbaston (Martin Searby

Richards, who could not play for the team which ended bottom of the championship last season because of illness, is due to arrive in England on April 23 and will turn out 24 hours later. "It has been confirmed that he will serve and I meast he will be a serve and I meast he will serve and I meast he will be a serve

will arrive and I expect him to be in the side," Butcher said.

Glamorgan have also signed

had in the series and they did

overdone.

Lloyd declined to condemn

Unedifying: gestures to the crowd

it did not last long, and in the context of the series it was a surprising rarity. Nevertheless it was, in various respects, as unedifying and far more significant than the sight of Viv Richards manic V-signs at the crowd when Lemb was

Robin Smith may be considered fair game for the short ball. He has bunished the hook from his stroke-list and spends a disconcerting amount of time practisi swaying out of the path of bouncers: to Bishop; and Walsh, this is open invitation.

The ethics, however, of hitting a batsman on the chin. with one bouncer and then, after he has had prolonged treatment, following it immediately with another cannot be defended within cricket's old values. These are the morals of a builfight and

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D J Capel o Haynes b Bishop
R C Russell not out
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P A DeFreitas, G C Small, D E Melcolin to bet FALL OF WICKETS: 1-42, 2-101, 3-143, 4-157, 5-167, 8-185. BOWLING: Bishop 19-5-57-2; Ambrose 22-5-59-2 (nb 4); Welsh 13-4-46-2 (nb 8); Baptista 13-4-30-0 (nb 5).

opposition blood. The celebrations which greeted Smith's injury were disgraceful and it cannot be dis-counted that the umpires felt for discussing intimidation of impires, first by players into giving decisions and now by crowds into passive acceptance of the unacceptable. So it was timely, if hardly original, to hear Clive Lloyd, the West Indian team menager

Grounded: Begtin, of Leeds United, books the ball away from Redfearn, of Oldham Athletic, at Boundary Park

Fear grips faltering Leeds

first division, Leeds United seem to be fearful of crossing the

Two weeks ago, Leeds led the second division by 10 points, but that advantage will be reduced to simple goal difference should Sheffield United; their closest, but not only, rivals for the championship, defeat for the championship, defeat Oxford United at Bramall Lane

this afternoon.

Rumour would have it that the Elland Road club has already taken delivery of a souvenir promotion brochure which charts their return to prominence and extols the virginia of a side which has been forgiven had it proferred sheer battle farigue as an excuse for any lethargy.

Bunn and Moulden, who replaced the unfit Marshall and the rested Ritchie respectively, produced marvellously ebul-

The hasty production of this team selection for the Lindewoods tome would appear to be premature in the extreme, for Leeds

The hasty production of this selection for the Lindewoods
Cup final against Nottingham

Porest on April 29.

says his team is still capable of winning promotion, whether it be by automatic selection or

through the play-offs. Rather ironically, the injuries which Oldham sustained during the course of the midweek game at Maine Road may have ac-tually helped to instill a sense of urgency in a reshaped line-up, which would have been forgiven

pronumence and extols the virtues of a side which has been lent performances as they expansively, and expensively, rebuilt by Howard Wilkinson, the team manager.

reward for their efforts.

Dismal though their approach play was, Leeds could actually have led at the interval: both Chapman and Kamara were guilty of missing chances they would, under normal circum-stances, have accepted.

stances, have accepted.

The game, as a contest at least, was over in the 71st minute: Bunn swept home a Redfearn through-ball for Oldham's third goal, which followed Holden's 63rd minute tap-in from close range.

Leeds stirred themselves being the state of themselves.

briefly at the end but a firm header by the substitute, Davison, in the 76th minute was purely academic and perhaps more than they deserved. Wilkinson later acknowledged that his team is no longer

automatic promotion places.
"We started off as if we were were comprehensively outplayed by an Oldham side rather
played by an Oldham side rather
prise of Oldham was the mysunfairly instructed to play a
game of immense significance
just 36 hours after their FA Cup

In stark contrast to the enterprise of Oldham was the mystifying lack of cohesion
displayed by Leeds, who prodisplayed by Leeds, who prodisplaye

Faldo on course to No. 1 ranking

From a Correspondent Hilton Head Island South Carolina

NICK Faldo set out early in the second round of the MCI Heritage Classic yesterday, aiming to consolidate on his promising start to the tournament.

The Masters champion shot a three under par 68 in the first round on Thursday to trail the overnight leaders, Billy Ray Brown and Gene Sauers, of America, by just two shots, and he moved to within a shot of sharing the lead when he birdied the fourth hole. He had already collected three pars in the fine, but breezy, conditions on the tough Harbour Town course.

However, Brown and Sauers remained as the joint leaders on five under par after 13 and two holes respectively. "I was very solid out there

today." Faldo said after the first round. "The conditions were quite tough. The swirling breeze chopped and changed and the greens were a little bumpy, but I holed a lot of nasty-length putts."

Faido, aged 32, the consummate professional, said he had not had difficulty motivating himself to play here, even though only a few days had passed since he became only the second player to win successive Masters titles.

"If I come here, there is no point just wafting around," he said. "I might as well try as hard as I can, or I would have gone straight home after the Masters. I was very tired yesterday, but I felt a lot better

Faldo, whose only victory in the United States outside of the Masters occurred in this event six years ago, may take over from Greg Norman at the top of the Sony world rankings

To have any chance of doing so, however, Faldo needs to finish either first or second, while relying on Norman to finish down the list.

Norman, who last week missed the cut at the Masters for the first time in 10 appearances, returned to something approaching his true form with a competent one under par 70 on Thursday, overcoming a mid-round slump, in which he boseved three out of four holes.

PRIOT NOUND (United States unless stated; SS: C Susers, W R Brown; E7: J Surman, S Pate; S8: N Fatdo (GB), T Kite, D Barr (Can), W Androdo, J Hass, S Jones; SS: R Stewart (Can), W Mayteir, M Hutbert, K Green, C Bynan, S Hoofn, D Hammond; 70: G Norman (Aus), P Stewart, C Peets, J Mudd, M McCumber, L Wadders, J C Sneed, D Shirey, L Rinler, R Eastwood, G Morgan 33-37.

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Hamsh Anthony, aged 19, a fast bowler from the Leeward is-lands who was recommended by the West Indian captain. England's self-delusion has become self-belief

St John's Antigna
I REMEMBER a press conference with Micky Stewart,
Graham Gooch, the England Graham Gooch, the England manager and captain in the autumn. We asked them what they thought of the likelihood of another whitewash by West Indies. They both laughed. "Fla, ha, ha" said Stewart. "Ho, ho, ho", said Gooch. It was a pretty hollow effort.

They knew and we knew the

history of recent series. The last three had given a com-bined result of 14-0 to West Indies, with one draw. There was not much comfort to be drawn from the past. In fact, to be quite realistic, there was no comfort to be drawn from anywhere, save self-delusion. That this has worked is plain to see: Eng-

final Test in this series went

into its premature Good Fri-

day rest day. The significant action of the first day took place a little before play began. Allan Lamb, standing in for the Experience of the second of th injured Gooch, and Vivian Richards, marched out to the middle to toss up. Richards then clapped Lamb about the shoulders in one of his "we are men, you and I' gestures, and turned to the crowd. Elaborately, he mimed a bowling action. The crowd roared its

delight back to him. It was obvious to me what had happened. Richards had have been England's undoing will have a match to won the toss and inserted. - but it also seems to have. remember.



England, reeling from the last. hour of the previous Test, which had ended in a domino effect clatter of wickets, had, by the captice of the tumbling coin, been exposed to the West Indies pace machine ouce again. One could only admire Richards's psychological shrewdness.

Then I learned a disconcerting fact. It was England that had won the toss. Quite obviously, Lamb had made the decision that gave him the best chance of winning this series. West Indies later confirmed they would have cho-sen to bowl, had they won the land now stand at 1-1 as the toss. Common sense dictated that England make a defensive insertion on West Indies: the aim being to protect England's vulnerable batsmen rather than to attack the opposition. But instead, Lamb had acted in the sincere belief that England and the West Indies

were competing on equal Well, England are now 203 for six and the most likely result is clearly now victory

colossal degree of success on this tour. No one could logically believe that Gooch's bunch of promising kids, old stagers and wild gambles, could pull something off out here. But believe it, they did. And they were proved right.

For one of the unattractive aspects of England's success has been their total lack of surprise about it. "What has been important has been the attitude and approach to cricket as professionals," said Stewart, words that should be written down on tablets of stone as expressing for all time the faith and beliefs of Gooch and Stewart united.

"In selecting the party, we took into account not only their ability and technique, we also took into account the character of the person," Stewart said. Which means no Gower, no Botham, not at any price...including the price of losing the series, one might add, as Gower almost played

England have been more successful than anyone dared to hope - anyone except Gooch and Stewart, of course. This self-belief has lasted them to the end. They will for West Indies. The game need self-belief, or self-deluappears to be over, for all that , sion, in lorry loads if they are one aches to be proved wrong. to save this match; if they can

Snelders is back to add charisma to Aberdeen By Roddy Forsyth

TODAY'S Scottish fixture card is pregnant with implication; the matches at neutral Tynecastle and Hampden, if they are decisive, will resolve the identity of this year's Cup finalists, while Rangers can bring themselves to the brink of a second successive championship and Dundee may find that their belated fortitude cannot save them from relegation to the first division.

Edinburgh stages what appears in prospect to be the more attractive Scottish Cup semi-final, between Aberdeen and Dundee United, sides whose encounters in this competition in recent years have tended to be prolonged. Aberdeen are the more fancied team in the consensus but there is nothing in either side's late form to suggest that they might not be required to go to it again in the middle of next

Aberdeen are stronger than they have been for some time, despite their bruising League meeting with Rangers last Sunday, because their charismatic goalkeeper, the Dutch-man, Theo Snelders, will resume business. Injury has confined him to a single appearance since Christmas, since when he has undergone two knee operations.

to Aberdeen's squad, while desperate to put things right United, too, reckon on the for their supporters. In addireturn of the experienced central defender, Dave Narey, following his bout of

The reinforcement of both defences in a match which does not promise a harvest of goals merely strengthens the belief that a second match will be required to separate the

This is not the impression yielded by the other semifinal, between Celtic and Clydebank at Hampden Park. Celtic remain favourites to go through despite the fact that they have been remarkably vulnerable in their past two matches, against Rangers and St Mirren, who each scored three without reply.

Clydebank's prolific scorer, yesterday pronounced himself grateful for Celtic's recent lapses, but his manager, Jim Fallon, took a more cautious view of the tie and said: "People keep telling me that we couldn't have got Celtic at couldn't have got them at a worst time. If they had won both their

last matches, I believe they might have underestimated His fellow countryman, us, although it was never Willem Van der Ark, is added likely, but now they will be tion, the wide spaces at Hampden suit them a lot better than they do us."

Clydebank will be strengthened by the return of Harvey, Rodger and Maher but Tommy Coyle, who played in last year's semis with St Johnstone, is an injury doubt. Billy McNeill, meanwhile, has subjected his players to the administration of home truths and said yesterday: "To put it simply, I haven't asked them to improve, I have told them they must. Otherwise, they know what the consequences will be." His idiosyncratic Polish forward. Dziekanowski, will probably play from the start.

In the League, if Rangers Ken Eadie, who has amassed a beat Motherwell at Ibrox, they total of 22 goals this season, can only be overtaken in the can only be overtaken in the title race if their goal difference is overhauled by either Aberdeen or Heart of Midlothian. The Tynecastle team meet Dunfermline at East End Park and, if Dunfermline win and St Mirren beat Dundee at a better time. Well, I think we Dens Park, Dundee will be relegated and the first issue of the premier division will be

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given ourselves a mountain to climb. Anyone who cannot deal

with this sort of situation should not be calling himself a potential

CLEMAN ATMENTE: J Habrard: D Iran, A Bartow, N Henry, E Barrett, P Warhentt, N Adens (sub: N Rediern), P Moulden (sub: A Rinchie), F Bunn, M Milligun, R

LEEDS UNITED: M Day, M Sterland, J Beglin, V Jones, C Fairchugh, P Haddook Rusc: G Speed, G Strachan, D Batty, L Chapman, I Varadi (sate: B Dawson), C Kemara. Bellewes: B HE.

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Tale of the tape

against Herol Graham. "He

was reaching out to hang on to

Graham," Watson's manager,

Mickey Duff, said yesterday.

Duff is banking on age catch-





From John Hennessy

RONAN Rafferty now rec-

ognises the problems of being in the big league of professional golfers. Pondering

his adventurous opening 73,

one over par, in the Cannes

Open yesterday, he said: "I

now realise why the top

players like to have a week or

two off after playing in an

American major." Rafferty's

seven, three over par, at the

automatic entry into next

the England side which won the

European amateur team champ-

ionship last summer, starts among the favourites in the 72-

tournament — traditionally the

ENGLAND are certain to win the European men's singles title for the second year in succession

after Steve Baddeley cannily pulled off one of the best wins of his career yesterday, beating the second seed, Poul-Erik Hoyer, 15-10, 0-15, 15-11, to reach the final for the first time.

Baddeley will meet Darren Hall in the first all-English final after Hall's 15-7, 15-8, victory

over his room-mate. Steve Butler, in the other semi-final.
Butler, the No. 4 seed, had By Srikumar Sen Boxing Correspondent

THE task before Michael Watson, of Islington, in his chall-enge for Mike McCallum's World Boxing Association middleweight title is rather like that of a bright schoolboy moving from simple arithmetic to complex

He might solve the problems at the first attempt or hold his head in his hands and bemoan the fact that anyone could have thought be was good enough to tackle a difficult subject just because he got full marks in his last

While Watson must be applauded for the incredible courage he showed in sticking to his game plan of fending off the barrage from Nigel Benn last May, all he did was exhaust the school bully before knocking him out in the sixth round. Full marks for

GOLF

Rafferty puts sloppy

first round down to

pressure of Masters

Card of course

He complained yesterday

not of jet lag, but of the

sures. Yet his seven at the first

international, in the first two

rounds today, while Andrew Rogers, his Ealing club-mate, plays with Lee Griffiths, another

Peter McEvoy, twice Amateur

champion and a past winner of

England regain their pride

title holder and English national champion, outlasted the Finnish No. 1, Pontus Jantti.

With England's other national champion, Fiona Smith, coming

through to the women's singles final, and England providing in

total five of the eight singles semi-finalists (men and wo-

men), it was one fo the best days

they have ever enjoyed in the European championships, and a remarkable transformation

from last month's depressing All-England championships at

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the European tour.

round was characterized by a reaction from Augustan pres-

first, an eagle, two left-handed has too many precedents for it

shots and two penalty strokes. to require transatlantic

appearance in the Masters last now had four sevens and an

week, and played well enough eight there in the last four

to finish fifteenth and so gain years. No wonder he regards it not only £12,000 but also an as the toughest opening hole of

Willison keen to restate

his Walker Cup claim

Rafferty made his first explanation. He has, indeed,

that but it has little or nothing to do with the job of tackling a man like McCallum.

The tactic against Benn was simplicity itself, one that showed others the way as James Buster Douglas revealed the secret of beating Mike Tyson. But McCallum is not a simple proposition. The Jamaican is as complex a tactician as Benn is crude.

McCallum has lost only one of his 38 contests. Thirty of his victories have ended inside the distance. He has had 10 world title bouts and of those six were quick finishes. He had the ability to come back from a hiding and produce a knockout punch, as Donald Curry and Julian Jackson will testify. He has the world's best cornermen in Eddie Futch and Hedgemon Lewis

a stream down the right. broadening into a lake, greed-

ily traps the fade. Rafferty fell

foul on both flanks yesterday. He had to play left-handed

from a bush on the left and,

from the rough, now shanked

a nine-iron into a tree on the

right, whence it dropped into

the stream. Picking out, he

pitched on and took two putts.

Two holes later, he had to play

another left-handed recovery

the clubhouse with his reput-

ation partly restored. He

achieved the only eagle of the

day at the sixteenth, only 505

yards but demanding two big woods, and holed from eight

feet for a three at the eigh-

teenth, a tempting final target

With a few players still out on the course, the lead was held by Mike Harwood, of

Australia, with 67, followed by

Peter Teravainen, of the United States, and Anders Sorensen, of Denmark, on 68.

ian Woosnam was among a group of players one shot

Harwood's was an impres-

sively consistent round.

further back.

At least he was able to reach

and that put him four over.

g up with McCallum. The champion's only draw-Duff was not concerned that Watson had not boxed since May while McCalinm deback could be his age; he is 33. His legs started protesting from the seventh round fended against Steve Collins,

moose needs a hat-rack."

Duff was pleased that the first meeting between Watson and McCallum was called off Duff said. last November when Walson broke his nose in training with just five days to go. "It's like Watson has been

there already, taking the pressures, and it is like he is fighting for the world title a second time," Duff said.

But Duff admitted it would not be easy for the 25-year-old challenger. "It is a tough fight," he said. "Watson has an even-money chance. Watson's youth should cancel out McCallum's experience. Just the distance, he should lose as we worked out a strategy for Benn, we think we know what

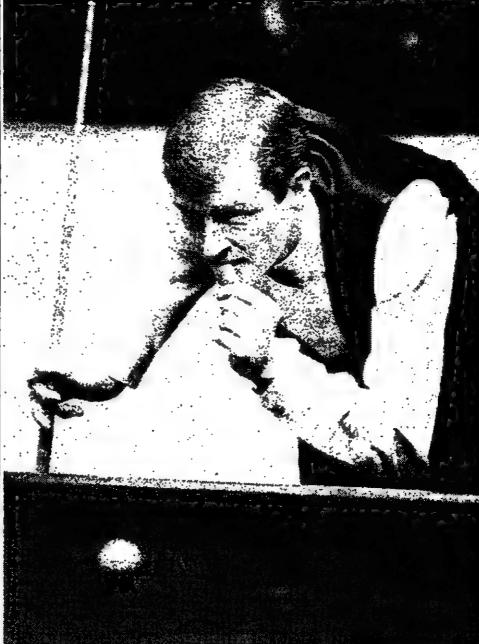
McCallium from the start, champions.

glad McCallum had a fight in gling at the end, and Watson between", Duff said. "At his could find McCallum tricky age he needs fights like a after the minth because he hasn't gone more than nine

But the 78-year-old Futch knows all about age. "What McCallum is going to do is show that Watson is too young," Futch said. "Mike knows how to control his man. If the opportunity presents itself he might take him out.

Watson is in with a master. He is overmatched this time. When we were here in May for Graham, Watson and McCallum shared the same gym. I got a line on Watson. If Watson is lucky enough to go and learn." It might be worth heeding the words of the soft-The plan is to pressure worked with 16 world

SNOOKER



Sizing up: Davis takes time for thought during his match against Eddie Charlton.

Sick Parrott fights back

But the next frame was decisive, with Bennett contriving to miss

the simplest of pinks into a middle pocket for Parrott to compile a break of 31.

Parrott gratefully won the game on the black and a run of

66 in the next frame brought

him back to one behind.
"My stomach feels absolutely

appelling," said Parrott after the frame. "I was ill all morning and

I don't even think there's any medication I can take which would not be in breach of the

drugs regulations."

Davis might also have felt in need of a pick-me-up against Charlton, the 60-year-old veteran from Australia, who was laboriously and unrepentantly slow. The world No. 22 won the consistent from with a rob break

opening frame with a top break of only seven, a score he equalled with a black to win a

HOCKEY

But Willison, who last year helped Enling win the English clubs championship and Middlesex the inter-counties title and was considered unlicky not to clinch a Walker Cup place, faces fierce competition from several countrymen and almost the entire Welsh team.

He partners John Peters, the Chris Rees.

Willison, who last year this event, is not in the 56-strong line-up because of business inches for business of business of business commitments, and Neil Roder-fek of Clyne, Swansea, last year's winner, has turned professional.

Welsh internationals hoping to get the season off to a successful start include Michael Registry, Newton, Cookson (18); J Heggery, 72 fl Cookson (18); J Heggery, 73 fl Macara, Calvin O'Carroll, James Lee, Andrew Jones and Chris Rees. STEVE Davis and John Parrott, the top seeds and last year's finalists, had markedly contrast-

finalists, had markedly contrasting fortunes in the opening session of the Embessy World championship at the Crucible Theatre, Sheffield yesterday.

Davis, whose protracted first session against Eddie Charlton was cut a frame short to avoid over-tunning the afternoon matches, took a 7-1 lead into his remaining scheduled 11 frames last night as he began his attempt to win the title for the fourth successive year and for a fourth successive year and for a

record of seven times in all.

Parrott, who was beaten 18-3
by Davis in last year's final,
found his first venture back into the auditorium only a little less painful.

painful.

The second seed was suffering an upset stomach after a meal the night before. He looked completely out of sorts, despite an opening clearance of 42 and and a fourth-frame 72, and fell 5-2 behind to the world No. 47, Mark Bennett of Wales.

The seventh frame seemed crucial Parrott missed the black after taking the last red and Bennett cleared to pink to game in which Davis had added 21 penalty points to Charlton's

essive breaks of 60, 36, 35, 38, 35, 68, 39, 38 and 38 to win the next six frames before the last of the session, which took a pains-taking 60 minutes. Davis won it 66-58, but Charlton was visibly cursing after an astonishing miss on an easy middle-pocket blue with the frame at his mercy.

with the frame at his mercy, NESULTA: First round (bust of 19 kannes, Eng univers stated): 8 Davis leads E Charlton (Aus), 7-1. Frame accors (Davis taut: 49-65, 88-8, 107-25, 75-6, 79-0, 65-48, 87-31, 85-50; M Bennett (Walse) leads J Parrott, 5-4. Frame accorse (Parrott first): 65-22, 37-69, 32-75, 73-8, 0-72, 51-68, 45-53, 64-34, 72-77.

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Underdog forces

TABLE TENNIS

Bengtsson to let go lead and match

GOTHENBURG (Reuter) — Ulf Bengtsson, of Sweden, the former champion, was knocked

former champion, was knocked out in the first round of the European table tennis championships yesterday by Didier Mommessin, of France, ranked 73 places below him. Bengisson, the winner in 1984 but no longer a member of the Swedish learn, gave Mommessin confidence when he threw away a 19-16 lead in

Mommessia confidence when he threw away a 19-16 lead in the opening game.

Though Bengisson fought for five games, the Frenchman, ranked 123rd in the world, gained the upper hand in the decider to win 22-20, 21-19, 15-21, 10-21, 21-19 21, 19-21, 21-19. The result was a disappoint-

ment for the home supporters at the Scandinavian arena who have to wait until today to see the top Swedes, led by Milacel Appelgren, the defending cham-pion and team gold medal winner, come in to the

Appelgren, along with Jan-we Waldner, the world champion, and the other leading men's and women's seeds, re-ceived first-round byes. Unseeded Steffen Fetzner, in amorts form when he helped

West Germany to win the team silver on Wednesday, was sur-prised to find Zoltan Batorfi, of Hungary, already a tricky opponent at the age of 14. Batorii led for a while in the

first game but then capitulated as Fetzner, world doubles gold medal winner, won 21-19, 21-

ment he had hoped to avoid when Wang Yanahens. Norway's Chinese-born player, won through to the second round, beating Juergen Rebel, of West Germany, 21-19, 21-8, 21-23, 21-13.

Chinese-bota opponent - Qian Qianli, of Austria - in his

opening match. Oito, one of a large band of Camese who have moved to Europe, best Paulo Persuades, of Portugal, 21-10, 21-12, 21-14.

Desmond Douglas, the for-mer European Top 12 winner who helped England to reach third place in the team event, fell in the first round of the singles to Vladamir Dworsk, of the Saviet Union, to four games, But Alan Cooks, who deposed Douglas as England No. 1 and who could be a thirtie to some of the seeded players, easily reached the second round, beat-ing Evan Wilber, of Scotland, 21-8, 21-18, 21-12.

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RUGBY LEAGUE

Wigan title hopes foiled by Saints

WIGAN missed their champe to clinch the Stones Bitter champ-ionship when they crashed to their heaviest defeat of the Wigan needed just one point to take the title, but were destroyed by Les Quirk, the former Berrow

by Les Quirk, the former Berrow winger, who scored three tries in a 35-10 thrashing. Wigan, who were without six Test players through injury, also lost Goulding, their scrum half, through injury after 20 minutes, and Hamley at half-time. They led 4-0 thanks to a try by Betts, but Saints rallied to go 12-6 ahead at half-time, with touchdowns from Quirk and Mann. Saints then run riot in the second half with four tries, including two more from Quirk. Wigan's only reply was a late Wigan's only reply was a late touchdown from Goodway.

Warrington's hopes of reaching the premiership play-offs were dealt another blow by Widnes, as they went down 22-10 in their third successive

lease delect. Was impos non look set to miss out on a place in

the top cight.
Widnes, enhanced their claims for a place in the top four with four tries, from McKenna, Weight, Eyres and Devertus, in a solid victory.

Weight, Eyess and Devercin, in a solid victory.

Warnington came back with three gode from Rudd, and a try from Mercer, the centres, but Widnes always had the edge.

Calliam's bad to become record division champions we left in tatters after another shock defeat. They were beaten 15-12 by a highly-determined Swinton served three tries in the first 16 minnes, through Peters, Ranson and Ashall.

Oldhum made a determined

Oldhum made a determined fightback, with Charlie McAllister, the substitute, using his strength to brush aside several tackies and put Foy over in the content. O'Casey also barged over for a late try, but it was stop letter to being about a was too late to bring a desperately-needed win.

Northants 'shadow' at Fenners

CRICKET

today with two three-day matches. Cambridge University play a depleted Northampton-shire at Fenners and Oxford University play Glamorgan at

The Parts. Nick Cook will lead North-Nick Cook will lead North-amptonshire in the absence of Allan Lamb in Antigua. Wayne Larkins, Robert Bailey, David Capel and Curley Ambrose are also in the Antigua Test manch. Winston Davis, still in the Caribbean, and injured Richard William and Alea Wolley and williams and Alan Walker are absent. Geoff Cook, beginning his twentieth season, will open with Alan Fordham and there are early opportunities for the all-rounder. Tony Penberthy, the off-spinner, Jim Govan, and the left-arm fast bowler, Simon

the left-arm fast bowler, Simon Brown.

Phil Newport, is expected to make his first appearance for Worcestershire in 10 months against MCC at Lord's on Tuesday. He has not played since the Test match against Australia last June because of an Achilles tendon injury.

they undoubtedly have the potential to hold their own against the best in the world.

The ingenius play of Vickey. Dixon at the back, captain Sandie Lister's leadership in midfield, Jone Sixsmith's spar-ley in front and the mid-lister.

kle up front, and the reliability of wing halves Mary Nevill and Kathy Edwards, should all contribute enormously to England's success, but none more so than the inventive, attacking

A testing time : for Price

By Gordon Dunwoody

JOHN Price, of Port Talbot, faces his first serious test since being crowned world indoor champion last month when he lines up in the Terments Maslines up in the Tements' Mas-ters tournment at Dunder to-day. Price faces a strong challenge for the title with Graham Robertson, the Scottish and British champion in the field along with Welsh cham-pion Phil Rowlands, holder Angus Blair and Irish titleholder Jeff McMullan.

the same

In total 18 internationals will be in the 48-strong field and Price is seeded straight through to the section play, where he is paired with past international Peter Ball from West Lothian. They will be joined by two qualifiers from this morning's knock-out stages.

Graham Robertson could well turn into Price's main chal-lenger with the reigning Scottish and British titleholder currently very much on the crest of a

Leeds and Wigan lay victory foundations

earlier saved twomatch points in a courageous 1-15, 17-14, 15-12 victory against the Swedish champion. Jens Olsson, in the quarter-final, while Hall, the

SWIMMING

KAREN Mellor, the reigning team at the Los Angeles Olymbritish distance freestyle champion, yesterday gave Sheffield place in the 50m freestyle in an early lead in the first of four 27.95sec and was back within pion, vesterday gave Sheffield an early lead in the first of four sessions at the Great Britain TSB club championship.

Mellor required only 8min
56.81sec to win the 800 metres

Commonwealth Games in Auckland, her last long-course outing.

Long will need to be quick off the blocks to get a chance of victory in the 50m course outing. The race was the only pointsscoring final of the first session of the match, which now in-volves 22 of the best clubs after

a change of format last year. In past years, only the top eight teams in Britain competed.

City of Leeds and Wigan Wasps, favourites to win the men's and women's champion-

ships respectively, laid down the

challenge in the afternoon heats.

with comfortable victories in

the team races.

the Commonwealth Games, Zara Long, of Beckenham, proved she was ready to return to top-level competition by swimming into two finals.

half an hour to win the 200m individual medley in 2min 24.51sec, ahead of Judy Lancaster, of Warrington Warriors, her England colleague.

Copthall. This winter, Woodcock has consistently been the second fastest British 50m sprinter behind Jeannette Gunston, of Bracknell, who is not competing this weekend, and was clear favourite to grasp maximum points for Barnet in

the final. The newest British backstroke record holders maintained their tremendous form. Martin Harris, of Barnet, who set a British record at 50m three weeks ago,

a good start to the match in the 100m butterfly, qualifying in pole position for the final with 58.05sec.

Sharon Page, the Norfolk girl who is coached by corresting from Wigan, needed only 31.83sec to win the 50m backstroke heat. She set a British short-course record of 29.80sec at the distance three Long who, at 16, was the weeks ago at the Southampton youngest member of the British Grand Prix.

England's nucleus of power

top-seeded Dane, Pernille Ned-ergaard, in today's final. For the first time since Auckland, she

completely regained her ap-petite for the game to demolish the Soviet Union's Irina Serova

and the Swedish No. 1, Christine Magnusson, for the loss of a mere 10 points in total.

Magnusson had aggravated a

leg injury in a previous match, but Smith was as ruthless as she

"It was important that we got our pride back," Ciro Ciniglio,

the acting team manager since Paul Whetnall agreed to stand down at the end of the month, said.

ENGLAND will meet Spain, Belgium and Italy in a four-nation tournament on an arti-ficial turf pitch at Club Royal Rasante, starting in Brussels, today.
The event provides a useful

training ground for England's three opponents, all of whom have yet to qualify for the European championship in Paris next June. Belgium are involved in a three-match playoff with East Germany next-weekend in Brussels for the right to play in the event.

England have qualified for the

European championship as the 1987 silver medal winners in Moscow, so the only incentive

Scots plan revolution THE Scottish Hockey Union is leaving no stone unturned in its attempt to get their men and switching mens' matches from teams back into the mainstream world hockey (a Special Corres-

pondent writes). A working committee has been set up to study the prob-lems. Individuals from all aspects of the sport in Scotland have been assembled, including coaches, umpires, administrators and the press. The Great Britain men's manager, Bernie Cotton, has also been involved in the talks, which may revolutionize the sport in

Nick Thompson, who has been held back for business reasons.

With the Honnslow players not available, England have scope for experimentation in a squad of 16 which contains participation in the European seven from the World Cup party that went to Labore in February - Rowlands, Faulkner, Hill, Soma Singh, Mayer, Garcia and tria, whom they ought to beat, Halls. The overall product is a but they will face a more

women's senior international Saturdays to Sundays, which, in turn, will release senior players in the club to coach and umpire

within their own framework.

It is thought this will foster good relationships within the club and the minor teams will turn out to support the first team. Plans for the alterations are still in their early stages, but by the start of the new season, concrete proposals will have been made to the HSU and could be operational by the start

England could, with advan-tage, call on Hill, in view of his recent successes, to strike the corners. He is joined by five other players from Havant ---Rowlands, Faulkner, Garcia, Nail and Williams, all part of the team that recently won the Nationwide Anglia Cup. So there is enough talent in the

Cup Winners' Cup qualifying tournament at Stuttgart with a match against Arminen, of Ausnucleus of power capable of streamous test tomorrow against restraining Spain in the first Racing Club of France. The match of the tournament today. tournament ends on Monday.

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England v. Belgium (Zpm), Spain v. Bay
(4pm), Buston; England v. Bay (12 noon),
Belgium v. Spain (Zpm).

D. England deficated West Ger-

• England defeated West Germany 5-2 at under-18 level in the a schoolboys' tournament at yesierday. Bill Waugh scored two goals from short corners, with Hauck, Woods and Sutton

adding to the score. At under-16

level, England defeated France

England's women are set to make an impact the 1986 final,
England's two excellent results against the Netherlands at
the end of March indicated that

THE England women's squad enter the final stages of their World Cup preparations when they take on the young but highly talented West German team in the first match of a fournation tournament which starts in Dusseldorf today. The World and European champions, the Netherlands, and the Soviet

Union are the other two teams taking part. England are seeded fourth for the World Cup, which starts in Sydney on May 2, while the Germans, silver-medallists in

Amsterdam in 1986, are in the same group and are seeded fifth. Paul Lissek, the Germany coach, has focused on youth and chosen a team which contains nine of last July's junior World Cup winners, and only three

play of Karen Brown.

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FUTURES: Tedays England v West Garman, USSR v So Neiherlands.

play of Karen Brown

Under-16s start well Against Scotland; Katheren THE England's Under-16

Against Scotland; Katheryn James, the English floward, was outstanding, storing four times, including three penalty goals. The England Under-18 team stanted well, beating Belgium 4-0, with goals from Claire Jarvis, Angels Patterson (2) and Alison Waltefield, but they met their match in their second game, lost parrowly to West Germay 1-8. hockey team is striding away from its rivals in the six nations tournament at Groningen in The Netherlands (Joyce Whitehead writes). They have comfortably won their first two matches, beating Scotland 5-1, and France 6-0, to provide a welcome boost to their connarrowly to West Germay 1-0. fidence before meeting The Netberlands this afternoon. Today, they play France

Freak weather at time-trials decimates field

A FREAK band of cold, crupled with heavy rain, produced half a dozen cases of hypothermia during yesterday's Welwyn Wheelers 50kin (314 miles) hilly time-trial at Lemsford, Hertfordshire.

"Riders were collapsing as they finished," said Peter Waghorn, the organizer. "And a volunteer group set about set-

volunter group set about get-ting their circulation going and providing hot tea.

The poor weather conditions resulted in almost a quarter of the 90 starters failing to reach

round champion and national record holder, said the con-ditions were the coldest she had experienced, even though she wore three jerseys for warmth. She finished the course only because she had never the viously refried from a time trial. Robert Ephgoave, aged 18, the surprise winner, was among those affected by the cold, but was fortunate in living close to the finish and went home for a hot bath and a change of clothing before returning to hear

his victory confirmed.

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Is Dixon England's saviour, or are unfashionable full backs destined for the scrapheap after the World Cup? Robson keeps faith in an endangered species

only contenders.

THERE is a view that injury and suspension may have allowed Bobby Robson to stumble, unwittingly, across right back in Lee Dixon, of Arsenal — just as in the last World Cup finals, they led him to a winning formula in midfield against Paraguay and

There is also a view that whomever Robson chooses at right or left back - and he could perm any two from about a dozen - England would get the same poor

There is yet another view that in keeping with most of the world, he would do well to dispense with full backs al-together. But with just six weeks to go to the World Cup finals in Italy, it is a little late to be extolling the virtues of

World football must view with a mixture of amusement and curiosity England's determination to persevere with wingers and full backs, particularly the full backs. Never bave England's first choice in those positions, Gary Stevens and Smart Pearce, been more widely

While the dearth of wingers explains why so many of our young, buccancering full backs get insufficient practice at defending, it fails to explain why, in general, they cannot pass a ball with any degree of comfort or accuracy.

Paradoxically, the unfash-ionable full back position has a vital role in the modern game, as it affords teams the

Sansom, at least, brought has played with both at Glas- certain stages be isolated." some stability to the left back position, but the No. 2 shirt has changed hands with unsettling frequency. When Dixon pulls it on against Czechoslovakia at Wembley on April 25, he will be the 27th player to do so since George Cohen, 1966 and all that

It is ironic that he should make his full England debut before Nigel Winterburn, his full back partner at Arsenal, whose claims George Graham has always pressed more vigorously. In the sweeper system that Arsenal deploy, Dixon is fully conversant with the demands of the attacking full back, but he scurries about too much to have time to be creative, and there are doubts about his defensive qualities.

Stevens, who would have been facing Czechoslovakia had it not been for an injury, and Paul Parker, who would have been deputizing for him were he not under an FA suspension, are both better level that is vital. People were saying before I joined the club that he didn't take on enough responsibility with the ball, but I've found that to be totally unfounded. He's very good in one-on-one situations, so it wouldn't be a problem for

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gow Rangers and Queen's But Wilkins is less con-Park Rangers, respectively, cerned with the attacking side finds it hard to separate them, of their game. "We've got a lot but insists that they are the of boys who get forward very well from full back positions, like Dixon, but when they are "Gary's had a super season with Rangers," Wilkins said. "He's strong defensively, a asked to defend, they struggle. Full backs, to my mind, are defenders first and foremost. I tremendous athlete, and has would sooner play with a wide remarkable powers of recovdefender. At international ery. In all the time I was in level you have enough players who can go forward. You have to be solid defensively." Glasgow, I never saw a wide player get the better of him. A lot of people have a pop at his

One senses that Parker, who distribution, but there's alplays sweeper for his club, is ways an aspect of everyone's play that could be improved. "Paul is lightning fast, even quicker than Gary off the mark. His distribution has the people's choice. Not surprisingly, perhaps, he is also the choice of Ray Harford, the former Fulham manager who coached Parker in his formative years at Craven Cottage. "I said then that he would play for England season and at international - but he's not a right back, When I had him, I played him as the focal point of my team at centre half," he said.

Of all the candidates, perhaps only Ian Snodin, of Everton, could be described as composed on the ball and constructive with it. The successor to Stevens at Goodison Park, Snodin might have succeeded him in the England team, too, had it not been for injuries. Here again is another exam-

riere again is another example of a player converted to full back. England's history over the last 25 years is littered with them — Hughes, Todd, Cherry, Beattie, Mabbutt, Pickering, Gregory, Duxbury, Stevens (of Tottenham Horsour) and Fennick Couldn it spur) and Fenwick. Couldn it be that history has been trying to tell us something? Whomever Robson chooses at full back, it seems likely that the World Cup finals will be the



The Love Street survivor

TWO years ago, at the first bome match after Tony Pitz-patrick's appointment as man-ager of St Murren, a middle-aged mason ticket holder in the smod turned to the press box and said:

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"Tony has been good for this
club. I just hope the directors
don't take a loan of him".

Apprehension that the board
would indeed take a liberry with
Fitzpatrick, who thus might
speedily be added to the catalogue of Love Street managerial casualties, was
widespread because, even by the
standards of a business in which
lovality is often at a discount, the loyalty is often at a discount, the St Mirren job was known for its

he was sacked in May 1978 after having quadrupled average attendances, and 10 years later, Alex Smith was dismissed 11 months after he had given St success in three decades.

To general surprise, the then aged 32 Fitzpatrick was elevated from the playing ranks, where he was a popular figure amongst colleagues and supporters alike.
Smith departed after the team had veered towards relegation and when, with demotion to the first division a possibility two weeks ago, the St Mirren chair-man, Lewis Kane, declared that Fitzpatrick had the full support of the board, it appeared that the latest manager's days were also

manubered. "It's the last thing you want to hear," Fitzparrick said yesterday. "You say 'Oh no. Next week, I'm out', but I can honestly say that I trust the directors here. I know they have a bit of a reputation, but whenever I have wanted to sign a player, they have offered no objections and the money has

been mude available. "In the middle of the bad times this season, the chairman accepted his responsibility to try to lift the place and the board have never put me under pres-sure at all."

Sitting pretty: Tony Fitzpatrick, the St Mirren manager, is building for the future matic defeat by Clydebank in a teams who are nothing like as to five or six semi-finals in the

cession of an equalizer in the final minute of the first match, only seconds after they had taken the lead. If they had proceeded into the semi-finals, they would have faced Celtic this afternoon at

Hampden Park, Instead as the second from bottom side in the division, they travel to play the bottom club, Dundee, in a fixture likely to be fraught with

anxiety.
The circumstance is particu-The circumstance is particularly ironic because, last Saturday, for the first time since 1928, St Mirren administered a 3-0 defeat to Celtic at Parkhead. That's why our season has been so frustrating. We have beaten all the teams in the top half of the premier division, including The bad times to which Fitzpatrick refers include a trau-

announce, at a press conference on Tuesday, its own plans for a

new class of yachts and terms for the next race. The RNSA will

not be sharing the top table. Unless grounds for compromise can be found, it could lead to

parting of the ways between

sponsor and organiser.

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I have tried to get them to understand that they must de-velop the mental hardness which makes champions. "They have to want to be winners so much that playing in

front of a few thousand people will not distract them. Dunder United had the same problem, but they showed that it was possible to win the League without a huge support." Alex Smith, during his tenure

Alex Smith, during his tenure at Love Street, remarked that the Paisley public was so pessimistic, if a cloud was reported four hundred miles away, they would turn out in rainwear. "Yes, that's right," Fitzpatrick said, "but I can understand their feelings, because over the last 20 years, we have taken them so far and then dropped them. We've been

matic defeat by Ciynegens in a Scottish Cup quarter-final replay last month, a fixture made players respond to the arbonecessary by St Mirren's conmosphere of the bigger matches.

The reason is that our looked good bets. In those circumstances, it's only a matter of time before they get disof time before they get dis-couraged and I can't blame them for that."

Despite today's inevitable tension at Dens Park, it may cheer the lugubrious Paisley faithful to believe that there are clear signs that St Mirren are developing into a side capable of playing attractive, but more critically, successful football.

For Fitzpetrick, whose quiet pession for the club is as evident as his devotion to his wife Elisabeth and their four children, two of whom are recently-arrived twins, frustration has been educational. This season has been a failure, no doubt about that, but it has taught me how to handle failure. Now it would be nice to see if I could handle success."

IN BRIEF

They said the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) would be told tomorrow that

Las Vegas (AP) - The World Boxing Association light-heavy-weight champion, Virgil Hill, broke his hand in training and has had to pull out of his title bout against Australia's Guy Waters, scheduled for Caesars Palace on April 29.

Paris (AFP) - Tom Collins, of Britain, the former title-holder, challenger to Frenchman Eric Nicoletia, the European light-heavyweight champion, by the European Boxing Union.

Eye injury

Andy Bateman, the 24-year-old St Helens prop forward, will not play rugby league again this season after suffering a serious eye ınjury.

Easy wins

Britain's John Woods and Sue Crehan, who competed in the marathon at the Scoul Olympics, were convincing winners of the annual 10km race at Southport yesterday.

Undaunted by heavy earlymorning rain, more than 700 competitors started the annual 125-mile canoe race from Devizes to Westminster yes-terday. Tim Phillips, of Worcester Canoe Club, and his partner Simon Dark, are the favourites in the men's event.

Eighth heaven KEVIN Daigle, of the United States, who has won all his seven contests since changing manager in December 1988, hopes to make it eight against Gianfranco Rosi, of Italy, for International Boxing Federation

night in Monte Carlo.

Lee Dixon: potential, but arguably the best of a bad banch that England have yet to wake Millwall in last-ditch effort to avoid the fall By Louise Taylor THE task facing Millwall this afternoon is the equivalent of scaling a sheer rock face without a rope within reach. If Bob Pearson's team — who have still to win since he succeeded John Docherty as manager — fail against Derby County at the Baschall Ground, and Manchester City and Mainchester United both tritimph against. Sheffield Wednesday and Queen's Park Rangers, Millwall will be condemned to the second division.

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The prognosis is not good for Charles Athlete either, After playing Russian roulems with demotion for the past three seasons, South London luck finally appears to have run out. Leame Lawrence, the manager, believes that Charlton must win at least four of their five mountain with Millwall.

Providing they beat Shaffeld Wednesday at Maine Road, Manchester City, who are unbeaten in their last six games, can surely continue to budget in terms of first division salaries. Trevor Francis, once of City but now leading the Wednesday attack will have other ideas. Similarly Manchester United, the visitors at Queen's Park Rangera, and Crystal Palace, at home to Arsenal, will breathe signs of relief and allow themselves to look forward to the FA Cup final if they collect win bonuses tonight. the second division.

Even if results so their way at least four of their five this afternoon, Milwall must collect maximum points from being at Southampton today their outstanding four games to to entertain any chance entertain a realistic chance of survival. survival.

How the tables have turned in the set of the TODAY'S TEAMS

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Cap final if they collect win bonoses tonight.

Nottingham Forest, who have the Littlewoods Cup final now looming on their borizon, aim to arrest a run of six losses in the last seven games at Anfield, where Liverpool will want to extend their three point lead at the head of the Loome. Liverpool v Nott'm Forest Plate. Describing, Houghton, and Officials have Recent starts for Liverpool, but were Plates in the Recentifier Could still feed the attack. Powers (sorkie) faces a late Recent text for Forest.

pants of the second automatic promotion position. With Newcastle boasting the division's leading scorer in Quinn, who has 33 goals to his name this season, and Wolves possess-ing Bull, who boosted his tally to 25 with a treble against Leicester City in midweek, the accent

Sheffield United can thwert Newcastle's ambitions by tri-umphing at home to Oxford United, and with West Ham United and Oddam Africa

Laten Town are three points better off than Chariton, but should they full to best Everten at Kemiworth Road, the Bedfordshire usum will be closer still to falling off the first division mountain with Miliwall.

Molineax is the stage for the second division's principal drama, where Wolverhampton. Wanderers, in seventh position, one place off the play-off zone, entertain Newcastle United, third and only three points behind Sheffield United, occupants of the second automatic

pressing for play off places, Swindur Town, Sambriand and Blackburn Rovers need to see off Watford, Hall and Bradford

left out of squad By Clive White FRANK Stapleton has been left

FRANK Stapleton has been left out of the Republic of Ireland squad for the first time in his 13-year international career. Jack Charlton, the manager, omitted his former captain from the 18-man squad amounced yesterday for the match against the Soviet Union at Lansdowns Road on April 25.

It would seem to indicate that this is the end of the international road for Stapleton, just one cap short of equalling Liam Brady's record of 71

one cap short of equaling Liam Brady's record of 71 appearances.
The recent discovery of Bernie Slaven in attack and Alan McLoughlin in midfield has

meant that the Irish World Cup squad is now over-subscribed in squad is now over-subscribed in both departments.

Stapleton, who has been performing in midfield for Blackburn Rovers this season, last played for the Republic seven months ago against West Germany in Dublin, when his goal in the 1-1 draw enabled him

guar in the 1-1 drawerabed him to equal Don Givens's record of 19 goals for the Republic. He also scored on his debut against Turkey in 1977. It is likely that Chariton will ask Stapleton to travel to Italy as a coach. Slaven and McLoughlin, who has been called into the senior squad for the first time, could be unavailable for the match against the Soviet Union because of their involvement in

important second division matches. But Ossie Ardiles and Colin Todd, their respective managers, have agreed to leave any decision on their availability until nearer the date. McLoughlin greatly impressed Charton when he

played against England B.
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VOLLEYBALL TOKYC: Challenge Cap 40 (mont: Group A: Japan bit frag, 3-0; East Germany bit Pubrio Rico, 3-0; Shatharlands bit Potend, 3-1, Group B: Spein bit Alberfa; 3-2; Yugoslevia bit Talwan, 3-4; Sweden bit Chila, 3-0.

YACHTING RNSA and Whitbread India ruled Collins named split in power struggle out of cup From Barry Pickthall, Fort Landerdale

AS FORT Lauderdale waited yesterday to welcome Patrick Tabarty's L'Esprit de Liberte, and Rucanor Sport, skippered by Bruno Dubois, of Belgium, the first of the small boats the RNSA see this as blatant hijacking.

Whithread is expected to appeared to the sample of the small boats. competing in the Whitbread Round the World Race, the question being asked was: "Who owns the rights to the event?" Since the four-yearly marathon was first conceived in 1969 and taken over by the Royal Naval Sailing Association and Whitbread, it has grown from a £13,000-sponsored "cruise-in-company" in 1973 to a £50

million extravaganza this time round. But the RNSA's management has failed to keep pace with the commercial and competitive needs of the event, and as a result the London-based brewery, which has underwritten £7 million of the sponsorship costs,

sponsor and organiser.
RESULTS: Hith stage (Impusy to Fort Lauderdae, USA) Latest florinaries start division: 14, Liverpool Enterprise (B Salmon, GB), 250sys 1tr 36min. Other positions (compiled at 10:45 GMT with mass to Fort Lauderdale; Division 2: 1, L'Espri de Liberts (P Taberty, Fr), 56 miles, 2, Rucanor Sport (B Dubois, Bel), 125; 3, Scribussel von Bremen (Dr Pharone, WQ, 574 Lateston (Tensano, GB), 329; 5, Li Posto (B Maile, Fr), 567 Cruiser division: 2, With Imegrity (A Cognd, GB), 297.
"Complete by British Telecom Bedford's bright start

SUNSTREAKER, the yacht chartered by the Royal Ocean Racing Club and skippered by David Bedford, has taken a flier in the 650-mile Hong Kong to Manila race across the China Sea by heading far south of the rhumb-line (a Special Correspondent writes). Bedford presumably hopes that unseasonally light north

westerly winds will veer south west as the summer monsoon fills and allow him to lay Manilla while the rest of the fleet is headed. If the tactic works, it may help

the three-yacht, European team move nearer to Hong Kong, the leaders in this triple-scoring event of the five-race series. sored by Corum.

NEW DELHI (Reuter) - The indian government has decided to tell the national cricket team it cannot compete in this month's six-nation Sharjah Cup competition because of rising tension with Pakistan, officials

security considerations ruled out the team's participation in the competition, in which Pakistan will compete along with West Indies, Australia, New Zealand, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh.

Final fling

Australia, who led 2-0 over-night defeated France 2-7 in the night, defeated France 3-2 in the semi-finals of the Bathurst Cup. the leading real tennis amateur international team event, at the Queen's Club, and now meet Britain in the final. The Australian No. I, Mike Happell, clinched the decisive single against the hard-hitting Xavier

Hill injured

the club's worst post-war

It is an anxious time, too,

for Maesteg, who yesterday lost a coach and then found

another as they try to ensure a place in the premier division

of next season's national

twelfth coach from a first-class

Welsh club to lose his post this

season after Maesteg lost 67-

15 to Llanelli on Wednesday.

With him went Russell Cornelius, the club's player-coach.

Leighton Davies, the coach to

South Glamorgan Institute and a former Maesteg player, will see them through to the

Llanelli, who entertain the

Pilkington Cup semi-finalists, Northampton, give Ian Jones,

the Llandovery College full back, a game, while another youngster, Richard Shaw from

Neath Athletic, follows in the

stud marks of his father, Glyn, who played 12 times for Wales

in the early 1970s before

turning professional.

Nigel Horton, the former

England lock, who has lived in France for several seasons,

hopes to bring a French team

to compete in the Heart

Foundation sevens tour-

nament at Moseley, his old

club, on May 7. Moseley hope to raise £15,000 and Will

Carling, the England captain,

has also agreed to bring a VIL

showd a clean pair of heels to score twice. He then completed his hat-trick with the opening score of the second half after

five minutes, but that proved to

be their last score as the

Wanderers moved up a gear to leave Penarth trailing in their

Stephens, the stand-off half,

proved to be the inspiration to

many of the tries as, after a quiet

first-half performance, he ripped through the defence al-most at will. He set up several

chances for his colleagues as

It was not a game for the

purist, as there were many mistakes on both sides and

much of the same seemed to be

played at half pace, although

there was plenty of enter-tainment served up for the

The Wanderers followed up

their four first-half tries with six in the second. Irwin, who had

been lively all afternoon, scored his hat-trick and there were

other tries for Spowart, the other

Good Friday crowd.

ell as scoring two himself.

end of the season.

Stan Liptrot became the

Versatile Mironov set for first game for the Barbarians

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

Cardiff today showing yet against Swansea on Monday. another facet of his wideranging talents by playing in game to Barry Evans, the the centre. Wing, stand-off Leicester wing, who seems to half, full back, centre - they have been forgotten by the all appear the same to England selectors since win-Mironov, who will be joined ning his two caps, on tour in for the first of the Barbarians' two traditional Easter games by his countryman, Alexander

hope to make the same sort of Underwood, but Evans must impact that Stefano Bettarello, the Italian stand-off half, did

three years ago. Bettarello rapidly became a favourite of the Cardiff crowd, if not the club announcer, who should be able to get his tongue round Mironov's name. Tikhonov, meanwhile, will play lock, alongside Bob

IGOR Mironov, the Soviet Kimmins, today and will back returns to Cardiff's team and Miller plays his first game for a month at scrum half in a fixture which Cardiff have not lost since 1986, although one

Neither Rory Underwood nor Mark Bailey is available

The two Soviet players, all Argentina. Chris Oti, if fit, is certain to go, as is Tony be considered as effective a player as any of Blackett (Bath), Davis (Harlequins), Fallon (Richmond), Hackney (Nottingham), Harriman (Harlequins) or Heslop (Orrell), all of whom are members of England's development squad.

TODAY'S TEAM NEWS

Bath v Bristol Bath preier Callard at full back, Sames raturns at stand-off, where he is partnered by Knight. Bristol play Lloyd and Exaluri on the wings, ahead of Thillet and Whitehead, who emigrated this

Bridgend v Maesteg Bridgeth v 1 tradesteg Bridgend bring Spender in at lock, instead of Berrington, as they seek the double over Maesteg, who need to win if they are to play in the premier division of the new national league next season.

Llanelli v Northampton Lianelli give Richard Shaw, son of the former international, Glyn, his debut at prop, and Lamerton, normally a hooker, plays on the flank. Stoyles makes a rare appearance in Northampton's front row and Miles is at scrum half for the unavailable Elkington.

Neath v Coventry Johnson, the England B prop, returns to Coventry's front row after the deleat against Rugby. Neath, despite a long string of injuries, will be seeking their 33rd successive victory.

Irish sizing up two offspring of the famous

By George Ace

PAUL McBride, a lock forward from Newcastle University, is a name that would not cause a lot of eyebrows to be raised. Nor would the name of Colin Gibson, another lock, who played in the recent Ulster Schools Cup final for Campbell College.

seven internationals, were far too strong for the Sessiders, who challenged well up to the inter-But they are the sons of two of Ireland's most distinguished players: Willie John McBride med Mike Gibson. opponents in the second half.

McBride is in the Ultter team that meets Leinster in an under-19 metch in Dundalk on April 21 and, like Gibson, is already

Gervice): G McChasley (Portadown). 6 Bervice): G McChasley (Portadown). 6 Blasso (Stower's Metville): N Maione (Loughborough), K Hodgen (NFC): K Blasso (Loughborough), M Hamphaya (Oxford University), J Carser (Instonians), P Fergusa (Collegism), R Jarden (Lieburn), P McBelde (Notting am Universite).

captain, will make his debut probably revert to his accusfor the Barbarians against tomed position of No. 8 The Barbarians also give a

Australia and Fiji, in 1988.

for this summer's tour to

Rayer, the Wales B full

Nottingham v Moseley Nottling main vivioscies' Croft plays on Nottingham's wing since Hackney is unavailable, with Hartley back at centre and Cook captaining the team. Moseley, beset by injury, are nine short of their first-choice XV. Orrell v Wakefield Kirmins is unavailable for Orreil who field Brierley at lock after their midweek Lancashire Cup defeat against Liverpool St Helens. Cowling is at full back for Waterfield, who reshuffle their sack to include a lattage and pack to include Latham and Webster in the front row and Sowerby at No 8.

Swansea v Rosslyn Park Swainsea are without their injured international half backs, Jones and Clement, against a Park side missing only Hill at flanker. Humar returns to the wing after a successful sevens forsy to Scotland.

Waterioo v Wasps Waterioo hope that Gallagher, their captain, is fit to play against a Wasps XV missing four regulars on four with the Barbarians. Gibb comes in at

THE Public School Wanderers

beat Penarth for the third successive year in their now traditional Easter fixture. It was

a decisive victory during which they scored 10 tries.

superior speed and skills of their

Duncan, the flanker.

teadman, the scrum haif and

Irwin, the centre, scored tries for

the Wanderers during the first

period mainly due to good

Penarth remained in conten-

tion although they trailed by nine points at the interval, thanks to three well-taken tries

by Jackson, the hooker, and Snook, the right-winger, who

support work.

The invitation side, with

Penarth. PS Wanderers

Melrose to host best of sevens

By Alan Lorimer

WHATEVER the feelings of the growing anti-sevens lobby in Scotland, few critics of the abbreviated game would dispute Melrose's now established place on the world stage. Today, in the Greenyards, their particular the-aire will celebrate the 100th playing of the historic event.

The organisers have drawn up a celebrity guest list consisting of the French side, Racing Club; Randwick, from Sydney; Harle-quins, and London Scottish. But while these four can be expected more defeat would make this to contest the semi-finals, there are several Border teams ready to cause upsets.

Principal among these looks to be Gala, who in their own mannered last work reached the final. In the first round they have drawn the defending champions, Kelso. The other main Border challenge must come from Melrose themselves. The McEwars National League champions have assumed a strong the champions have the champions have the champions as the champions have the champions as the champions have the champions as the champions are champions. champions have named a strong line-up, including their three New Zealand-bound tourists, Craig Chalmers, Graham Shiel and Craig Redpath.

and Craig Reupain.

It is difficult, though, to look past the array of talent in the guest sides. Racing Club, who are in the top half of the draw, have the French intermedical players, Jean-Baptiste Lafond, Eric Blanc and Frank Mesnel, while London Scottish are field-ing. Garing Mestings. ing Gavin Hastings at prop alongside Ian Morrison and the Scotland B captain, Jeremy Macklin.

The lower half of the draw contains both Harlequins and Randwick. Harlequins have an enviable reputation in sevens, and with Will Carling at standoff half and the pace of Jon Eagle on the wing, they must start as near favourities. Randwick have an equally impressive side which includes the Australian players David Campese, Mark Ella, Lloyd Walker and Acura Niugila. In theory they look unbeatable, but the unique atmosphere of Melrose, which can inspire its local heroes to great heights, may just have an influence on the outcome.

Wanderers outplay Penarth

Bray, the substitute wing. Penarth tried to add to their score towards the end of the game but handling errors let them down within sight of the line and the referee did them a favour by blowing full time four

SCORERS Penante Mes J Jackmon, G Staciol (3). Convenziones R Craine (2). Puntos Stand Wandsman, The W Duncen, F Standardsman, D Irwin (3), C Stochane (2), C Spowert, M Wyest, K Bray. Conversiones M Wyest (4), C Stephens.

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TO MOST of the Kingston

players competing in the Carlsberg Championship playoffs, the event is important because it represents their chance of a clean sweep of all five trophics on offer this sea-son. To Paul Stimpson, the piquency.

> player will probably be participating in his last major game in Britain today. If an application for a work permit is application as a work permit is successful, Stimpson, aged 30, shortly expects to take up a post as basketball manager of Inter-national Sports and Leisure, a sports marketing company in Lucerne, Switzerland.

Stimpson, the father of twins, is part of a Kingston outfit which was playing in the semi-finals of the play-offs yesterday



Kingston close in on clean sweep

Final flourish for Stimpson

By Nicholes Harling

and the competition's latter stages today.

He played the last of his 112.

internationals two years ago,
and would like nothing better
than to leave England as a
member of the most successful club side ever. "Obviously I'm sad," he sald, "but it is nice to go

sad," he said, "but it is more to go
out knowing that I have helped
to make a bit more history."
Only the Solent Stars team of
1984, which won the leagna, cup
and play-offs, had monopolised
England basketball as much as
Kingston have this season.
Under the condition of Kenja. Under the coaching of Kevin
Cadle, Kingston have already
won the league, cup, Nat West
trophy and WICB tournament.
Only the play-offs remained as the players prepared for the conclusion to the clab's season

like the present Palace that is threatened with extinction, but the Palace of Dan Lloyd, now the assistant England coach, Jeremich, Roma, Johnson, Schultz, McCray and Byrd, who, like Stimpson, is now at Kingston.
That was a very good team.

but so is this Kingston squad,"
Stimpson reflected. "It's hard to
say which was best." Either way,
English basketball will be the
poorer for Stimpson's likely
departure. at the National Exhibition Centre in Birmingham. With all due respect to the

Solent team of the mid-Sis. Stimpson likes to believe that he has been a member of the finest two English club sides. His name is synonymous with that of Crystal Palace, albeit the Palace squad of a few years ago, before Solent commanded the same two of respect that Kinss-

same type of respect that Kings-

ton do now.

The club was not remotely

TENNIS Unhappy Lendl hits out in the rain

From a Correspondent

IVAN Lendi's frayed nerves withstood the frastrations of playing on a noisy outside courses las defeated Amos Manadori 6-4, 6-2 yesterday to reach the semi-final of the Suntory Japan

semi-firsh of the Susacky Japan Open in Tokyo.

Not being the superstitions type, Lendi felt it had little to do with the date. Friday 13, that after suffering a delay for rain he was exiled to Court. 1 and sandwiched harwarn a hastling building site and a quarter-final doubles match.

With creats swinging over-head and distracted by the head and distracted by the adjoining court the world No. 1 yelled out: "I hate this place." His temper was not helped by a slappery surface, the murky light, two breaks for rain and a twinge in his allouder that required a three-minute time-

In a heavy to get things over with, he channelled his aggres-sion into brushing saids the leading Israeli with his most powerful performance of the

week.

"It was really had out there and I'm very apact about it, but I can't crimine because the ATP was allow me m," complained Lendi bisterly. "I would rather have waised them play in those conditions. With respect to this tournament I have very important things cossing up and I don't want to risk may have."

Lendi expected that the slight shoulder strain would not stop him meeting either Michael Chang or Asson Krichstein in today's semi-final. When the weather finally made up its mind to pour down and end the day's proceedings, Krichstein was leading in Furnan Open champion 7-6, 1-8, in the other semi-final Brad Gilbert will face Stefan Educa.

MOTOR RALLYING

Rain takes heavy toll in Kenya

Massimo Biasion, of Italy, yes-terday led a severely depleted field towards the mountains in the Kenya Safari rally. Waldegard, driving a Toyota Celica, reached the 19th time control point less than eight minutes alread of the Lancia Delta of Biasion, who is seeking his third successive win in Kenya.

Sweden, was third in a Toyota, six minutes behind Biasion, as the race headed north on a route through the Abedare mountains, up to the slopes of Mount Kenya and back to Nairobi. Torrential rain, deep pools of water and treacheroes mud had taken a heavy toll on Thursday, the first stage of the five-day, 4,181km race. Despite a time extension after a group of cars got bogged down in a mud hole, 25 of the 58 starters retired or were disqualified by the end of the day for failing to complete sections within the time limit. LEADING POSITIONS (wher 19 time controls): 1, 8 Woldegard (Swe), Toyota Cellos, 1fr 2min 17sec; 2, M Bission (R. Lancis Detta, 1707-17; 3, M Ericason (Swe), Toyota Cellos, 1:18:58; 4, J Kiskunen (Fin), Lancia Detta, 1:39:22; 5, J Hestber-Hawas (San), Subaru Lances, 1809-1808

GUIDE TO THE WEEKEND FIXTURES

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Basingstoke v Bromley: Bishop's
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Hendon; Grays v Windsor and Eton;
Harrow v Carshelton; Kingstonien v
Marlow, Rectoridge Forest v Boulor;
Slough v Hayes; Wokingham v Dag-inham. Fam Maries Boream Wood v
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Mischam; Croydon v Harlow; Dortong v
Wernbley; Hampton v Leatherhead;
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Witham; Letichworth GC v Royston;
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Witton v Bishop Auckland

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Barry v Hednestond; Bedworth v Tamworth; Bridgnorth v Sandwell; Dudley v Stourbridge; Grantham v Spaking; Halesowen v Wilenhalt; King's Lyrin v Nurseaton; Racing Chub Warwick v Stroud; Sucon Coldibid v Wissen. Boutland divisions: Andover v Vate; Baldock v Dunstable; Buckingham v Burnham: Ethiand Belweden v Bury; Fareham v Bashley; Hounstow v Connthian; Hytin v Hassings; Atargate v Folkestone; Poole v Hassings; Narges v Folkestone; Poole v Kinney.

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Ipswich. Second division: Bournemouth v
Oxford: Brentford v Luton; Brighton v
Wimbledon; Crystal Palace v Aldershot;
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First division Airdrie v Meadowban Alfoa v Raith R Ayr v Albion R Clyde v Falkirk Forfar v Partick Hamilton v Morton Second division

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CRICKET FIRST CLASS MATCHES: (three days): Features: Cambridge University v North-emperatures: The Peace: Outon) Univer-sity v Cambridge.

DASKETBALL MATICALAL LEAGUE Part Greature women: Play-off: Final (at NEC, Birmingham): Northempton v Sheffield (4.0). SERIC CHAMPICOSTIP: Third-fourth place play-off (6.0): Final (8.0) (at NEC, Birmingham).

HOCKEY EASTER WEEGENO FESTIVALS (unit Mandsty): Bournemouth: Canterbury: Claricott; Comwell (women): Follestone International; Formey; Guernety; Jersey; NatWest Blackpoof: Perzance; Scarbonourt: Torbay; Westin-super-Wers; Weymouth (women): Weymouth (men);

ICE HOCKEY finate: Cardiff v Notingham (6.30). First division: Play-off: Humberside v Medway (5.15). RUCEY UNION Club matches

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Cross Keys v Oxford
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Maidstone v Blackneath
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Newbridge v Tredegar
Nottingham v Moseley
Ormil v Wakofield
Phymouth A v Askeans
Pontypool v Newport
Rugby v Met Potes
Sale v Vale of Lune
Saracers v Brudflord and 5
Sth Wales Pol v Pontypridd
Swansea v Rosstyn Pk
Waterloo v Wasps

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HOCKEY

EASTER WEEKEND FESTIVALS (until Monday): Bournemouth; Canterbury; Clecton; Cornwell (women); Folksstone International; Formby; Guerrasey; Jarsey; NatiVest Bladdpoot; Perzance; Scarborough; Torbey; Weston-super-Mars; Weymouth (women); Weymouth (men); Weymouth (men); ICE HOCKEY

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The Times examines the lessons arising from the tragedy of Hillsborough whose first anniversary falls tomorrow

A case of post-disaster depression

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walked among the dead on the Hillsborough pitch and talked to survivors numbed with shock, was that this beautiful game had taken another step in which it was the instrument of evil instead of good.

Quite apart from the awfulness of the unavoidable sense of shared guilt at the deaths of predominantly young and innocent people, the sport to which I have devoted a large part of my life, voluntarily and professionally, had been further blackened in the eyes of the world. The negative aspects of the game had become an avalanche.

Yet there was also the feeling of anger, because those of us close to the game knew, without Sol-omon's wisdom, that the disaster had been avoidable. The reports of Lord Justice Taylor's inquiry, comprehensive and intelligent, are not vested with some divine light of explanation or recommendation, but they are in the main simply stressing truths, expressed

Popplewell's, that have persis-

tently been ignored.

The idea that Hillsborough was safe when full, a view com-placently held by Sheffield Wednesday Football Club, the Football Association and the Football League, and presumably by the police, was a nonsense if anyone paused to consider the chemistry of an equation common throughout the British game: overcrowding + alcohol + emotion = violence.

am well aware that the influence of alcohol in the Sheffield catastrophe is doubted, and that there was no deliberate. intended violence of one person on another in the crush which resulted in death. The mood of offended innocence, however, among supporters — and gross inefficiency by senior police offi-cers — was justified in mourning the dead, yet tended to overlook the fact that almost all the conditions surrounding the match, in terms of traffic and seat

THE TIMES

Accesations of incompetence after Britain's worst soccer disaster

Police in 'open gate' inquiry

The front page of The Times on April 17, 1989

of which conspired towards the disaster, were the product of regular experience of the equation. This is not to suggest that spectators themselves dug the grave, but their collective element of involvement must be equated alongside deficiencies by police and football authorities. The predominantly innocent who died at the front of the enclosure — arriving early with picnics — are not the kind against whom police

precautions, however misguided on that day, are directed. What depressed me on a horrific sunny afternoon was that much preceding years had been ignored. The worst offence was that everyone involved in the game, excluding spectators, had persistently benefited from an encouragement of the excessive enthusiasm of

British Rail laid on old rollingstock special trains to transport them; public houses and the football chibs themselves gleefully ladied out the beer, the players were allowed to include in scandalous behaviour, both against each other and in the calculated incitement of the spectators, while simultaneously milking the game with exorbitant wages; the police

earned useful overtime patrolling the streets and crowds and found it convenient to treat them like cattle; club directors, the FA and League, club managers and the police did nothing to discourage obscene, malevolent chanting directors paid absurd players' wages out of vanity rather than reality; clubs refused economically to share grounds out of vainglory, the FA condoned repeated violence with inadequate discipline against persistently malevolent clubs; newspapers voyeuristically played up violence and hired players to write ghosted provocative trash; and FIFA did nothing,

protect skill and creativity at the expense of violent play.

Today, one year on, the national team typifies English hypocrisy: complaining about Maradona's handled goal but jumping to justify Pearce handling on the line against Brazil.

The fabric of the game, not alone in Britain but merely more so, was in decay, in spite of still retaining that quality which at any unpredictable moment can inspire and delight. The strength of football is that it has a mass appeal which is capable of surviving the worst excesses which that appeal generates. Audience figures at the World Cup this summer will prove that. Like the main human forces which motivate man money, power, sex and religion football is simultaneously capable of creating joy and perverting reason. Hillsborough, 1989, was the ultimate loss of control.

is that commonsense seems still to escape some of those in charge of the game. Nothing better illus-

by any adjustment to the rules, to trates this than, ironically, the city of Sheffield itself; there the two League clubs still refuse to share a stadium, or even utilize the new stadium being built for the World Student Games. So long as this mentality continues, England has no chance of acquiring a multipurpose stadium such as those in Dusseldorf and Cologne, Turin and Rome.

> The latest budget may be putting £100 million back into football, yet for all the improvements that will follow, aided by the Football Trust, the English game will be throwing good money after bad; and will not possess a single club with an allseater capacity greater than

Would you, if not brought up, say, on the tradition and history of Arsenal, even consider going to an out-of-date ground surrounded by dingy, dirty streets, with no parking and minimal food facilities? By the time English football adjusts to the twentieth century, we will already be in the 21st.

Death knell sounds for the breeding grounds of violence

He recommended that Eng-

have to respond by dramati-cally increasing the cost of

tickets for attractive fixtures

revenue as they received when

To the delight of everyone

HILLSBOROUGH taught football a violent lesson, but it club managements for "chill-has yet to be seen whether the ing complacency" and being lesson will be learnt. The more concerned with "boundreports of Lord Justice Taylor room power-struggles and pointed the way for the game wheeler-dealing" than with to progress, so that spectators their supporters, who for too to progress, so that speciators could watch in safety and long have been regarded as folder for the turnstiles.

Taylor did not disguise his

Taylor called for a comdisgust at some of the facilities pletely new approach: "The
he found. He spoke of old years of patching up grounds,
grounds, hooliganism, poor of having periodic disasters leadership and excessive and narrowly avoiding many drinking disfiguring football, others by muddling through He implied that the Sheffield on a wing and a prayer must tragedy could have happened be over."

He said: "At some grounds lish first and second division the lavatories are primitive in clubs should become all-seat design, poorly maintained and by August, 1994, and others by inadequate in number. This August, 1999. This may have not only denies the speciator the advantage of preventing an essential facility he is overcrowding, but it will entitled to expect, it directly every cut the capacity attendances. The leading clubs may

"The practice of minating against walls, or even on terraces has become endemic and is followed by men who to mise the same level of would not behave that way

ewhere," he said. the capacity was higher "The refreshments avail- because of standing room. able to supporters are often limited or of indifferent quality," he continued. "This infrom fences, which should be hospitable scene tends to no higher than 2.2 metres with breed bad manners and poor patrolled emergency gates. behaviour. The atmosphere The closure of gates at does not encourage pride in Hillsborough contributed to the ground or consideration the scale of the disease.

for others." It also encourages hooligan- in football, but not to the ism. As Richard Faulkner, the Prime Minister or Colin deputy chairman of the Foot- Moynihan, the Minister for ball Trust, has pointed out, hooliganism may not have caused the Hillsborough disaster, but it was the backcloth against which the

tragedy occurred. If there were not the threat of pitch invasions then there would not have been perimeter fencing at Sheffield. If football were free from violence, then segregation would also have been unnecessary and the Liverpool supporters could have entered through other entrances and mingled with the followers of Nottingham Forest.

Taylor condemned some Sport, Taylor also opposed the introduction of the identity card scheme, stating that it might actually increase trouble outside grounds.

> Despite its evident initation on having to agree with Taylor's recommendation, the Government did recognize that football did not have the finance to carry out the main recommendation of Taylor

> The Football Trust, funded by Littlewoods, Vernons and Zetters, the pools companies, from apot-the-ball com-petition had already promised about £70-million over the next 10 years to help.

> However, the Government realized that this would not be adequate for clubs faced with total bills of £200 million and decided to cut the nex on football pools betting by 2.5 per cent to 40 per cent, so releasing an estimated £100 million over the next five years for ground improvements.

The Government has told the Football Trust that it wants the money to be spent on new grounds and stands. However, the Trust will only give a percentage towards the cost of new facilities.

Many chibs are badly positioned, often in city centres and with insufficient room to develop facilities for other activities. Except for those with artificial turf, the grounds of most English League clubs are used barely 30 times a

Not one English League ground has an athletics track eround the pitch, as is commonplace abroad, and supporters dislike groundsharing which is also widespread on the Continent. Those club directors with the foresight to wish to move out of the original grounds,

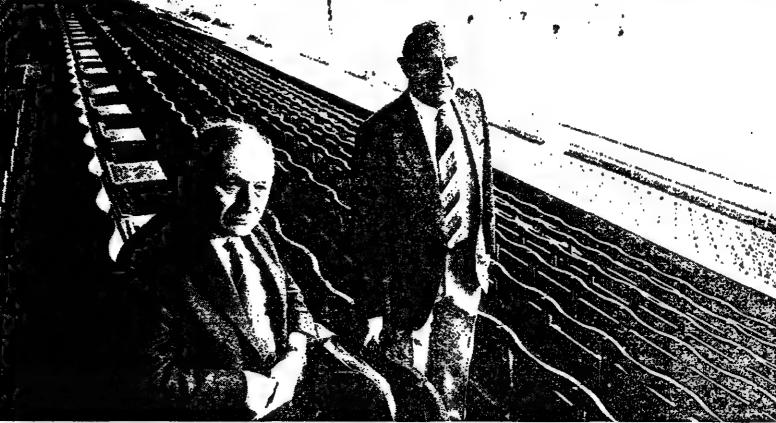
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either in the late nineteenth or

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with local authorities.



A red rose for every life that was lost

By John Goodbody

FOR Sir John Smith, the chairman of Liverpool Football Club, the tragedy at Hillsborough on April 15 last year immediately brought back memories of the Heysel disaster four years selected the most successful team in England to be engulfed by yet

Yet Hillsborough had an even more traumatic effect than Heysel, not just because more people died. "It was closer to home," Sir John says. "It was more personal. Terrible though Heysel was, we felt Hillsborough even

The FA Cup semi-final against Nottingham Forest should have produced one of the most exciting afternoons of the season. Instead, 95 people died.

Sir John sat, like many spectators at Sheffield, unable to perceive the nature of the disaster, he thought there was "crowd encroachment as had happened at important games before. People had no idea of the enormity of the disaster that had unfolded." Sir John and Peter Robinson, Liverpool's chief executive, had to watch, powerless to assist the supporters escape from the overcrowded terraces and spill on to the pitch.

forced to see their sons, who had preferred to stand on the terraces. being crushed. Supporters watched friends and colleagues being carried

Hillsborough was different from most disasters: unlike, for example, the Lockerbie air crash and the Zeebrusse ferry sinking, it was shown almost as it happened throughout the world on television; it had, Sir John feels, an immediate international

Sir John and Robinson went down from the directors' box to the running track surrounding the pitch as the dead and injured were carried on stretchers towards the hospitals or makeshift mormaries. The pair had to begin the overwhelming task of directing the club's recovery from the

Yet, Sir John and Robinson say, from the disaster came some good. There was a rallying of forces that united the city. Social workers, charities, the churches and the supporters combined to help the mourning families. The club gave all its profit from the FA Cup Final to charities, most of which were involved in the

greater desire and need to become involved in its own community: it had started before Hillsborough but the

It has appointed a full-time community officer, there are regular meetings Football Supporters' Association; there are functions for pensioners. Friendships have been formed between the bereaved and the players, friendships that have lasted. And the club has been supplementing the work of the Hillsborough Disaster Advice Centre in helping supporters trau-matized from the disaster to get used

However, a crucial consequence of the disaster must be the implementation of the Taylor Report. Robinson is adamant: "We must never lose another life on an English football ground. Football is not worth one life."

to returning to football.

It is unlikely that the two Merseyside clubs will share any proposed new stadium in the North-West. The value of the present sites of the two clubs would be minimal after their destruction, possibly not even £1 million the estimated £120m for the new

instead, Liverpool decided well before the Taylor inquiry to install seating on the Kop to make Anfield an all-seater stadium. There are difficulties in altering the ground, but it is hoped to be completed by 1992, the centenary of the club.

At 2.45pm tomorrow, a year after the tragic events of Hillsborough, there will be a memorial service at Anfield. The Anglican Bishop of Liverpool, the Catholic Archbishop and the Moderator of the Free Churches will combine to take the service on the pitch with a congregation of an estimated 30,000 people in the stands. Mrs Nessie Shankly, the widow of the former Liverpool manager, will unveil a memorial to the

At 3.06pm, 95 red roses will be laid on the pitch in memory of those who died and the congregation will sing the Anfield anthem, You'll Never Walk Alone. For many of the relatives of the dead, it will be their first visit to the ground since the days immediately after the disaster. As they remember those who died in British football's worst disaster, they will pray that it will never happen again.

SQUASH RACKETS

Jahangir standing alone in a matter of family pride

JAHANGIR Khan has dominated world squash for a decade. He has met and defeated the best the game could throw at him and he remains the world No. 1. Yet there has never been a more important period in his career than the 10 days which begin today at the Pinnacle Club in Richmond, continue at Lambs Club on Wednesday and Tardes to exhibite at 14 Memare due to culminate at Wembley on Monday, April 23.

Jahangir is using the Emirates

Jahanger is using the remirates International Masters event at the Pinnacle to tune up for his defence of the Hi-Tec British Open championship, which starts for him at Lambs against Jamie Hickox, of England. His ambitions for sporting immortality rest on the success of that tuning, which for the first that tuning, which for the first time lacks the controlling pres-cace of Rahmat Khan, the cousin, coach and career-long mentor from whom Jahangir Publicly separated himself this

Jahangir has won the British Open eight times since he lost the 1981 final to Geoff Hunt, the great Australian champion whose spectre he hopes to finally dismiss in these 1990 championships. A ninth successive victory on the Perference Centre would surpass the record for victories in the British Open that Hunt still shares with the 26-year-old

"The British Open has always been the biggest event for me," would eclipse the rest or that some man who because the staid Jahangir, whose record also private contest. win to be officially recorded as includes six wins at the World "But the British Open is not a the greatest squash player of Open, a 500-match undefeated hicky townsament for me,"

Seedings

1, Jahangir Khan (Paldstari); 2, Janaher Khan (Paldstari); 3, C Dithner (Australia); 4, C Robertson (Australia); 5, R Hartin (Australia); 5, M Z Gui (Paldstari); 7, IJ H, Khan (Paldstari); 8, R Horman (New Zealand); 9, B Martin (Australia); 10, R Eyles (Australia); 11, D Harris (England); 12, M Maclean (Scotand); 13, B Besson (England); 14, P Kenyon (England); 15, R Watt (New Zealand); 16, F Johnson (Sweden).

run lasting five and a half years after that 1981 loss to Hum, and a two-year domination of the hardball game in North

"My uncle, Hashim Khan, won seven times from 1951, my finther, Roshan, won in 1957 at another uncle, Azam, won four times from 1959. It is a maner of family pride to take the record back to Pakistan."

Another family of Khans from Pakistan have an interest too. They have produced Jansher, the gangling 20-year-old who now holds the world title and is quietly preparing at Surpes Club in west London. The Martin family, meanwhile, have sent their sons, Brett and Rodney, from Australia to pre-pare at Caversham.

national scene in 1987 and has since pursued lahangir through 27 major confrontations to lead narrowly, 14-13. He is the second favourite and a Wembley final against Jahangur-would eclipse the rest of their

Jansher arrived on the inter-

Jansher protested with a dif-fident smile. "I lost to Jahangir in the 1987 final, to Rodney in the 1988 quarters and to Chris Robertson in last year's quar-ters. Somehow I always seem to find trouble at the British Open."

There are theorists of sporting consuracy who see Jansher losing in the semi-finals this time, after beating whichever Australian emerges to challenge quarter that includes both Mar-tin brothers, Chris Robertson and the improving Rodney

Rodney Martin is the fa-votated candidate, after losing to Jahangir in the last two British Open finals. Another five-set challenge of last year's epic proportions would satisfy the 3,000-strong audience at Wembley, which sold out weeks ago in anticipation.

Before that eventuality can arise, an unusually isolated Jahangir must deal with Hickox, either Philip Kenyon or Ross Norman, the New Zealander who ended his underleated run in the 1986 world final, and then probably Chris Dittmar, the leading Australian who defeated championships last October.

But it may be the internal pressures of the most important embition of an extraordinary competitive career that prove to be the most serious opponent,

Farlow's fit to tackle the next 150 years

ONE of our oldest fishing tackle shops, Farlow's, of Pail Mall, London, is celebrating its 150th anniversary. The business was started in Crooked Lane, in the City of London, by Charles Farlow in 1840 "to supply the Angling Brotherhood of the notility, gentry and public at large".

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For many years the shop was in the Strand, then St James's Square, Panton Street, then Bruton Street before coming to rest at the corner of the Royal
Opera Arcade and Pall Mall,
making sure the centre of
chibland was a fishing centre as
well, with Farlow's at one end of
Pall Mall and Hardy's at the

Many other tackie shops have come and gone — Milwards, Carters, Ogden Smiths and others — but no one can say how Farlow's survived. Now it looks strong enough for another 150

A limited edition of 7ft 10in cane fly rods are being made for Farlow's by Partridge, of Redditch. They will have two tops, a mahogany presentation

a patent taper made from a mix of silk and hair would set you back is 6d, a hank of silkworm gut for your collar or cast would be either 6d or 9d. To put all these prices into perspective. however, the average agri-cultural wage in those days was about 10d or Is a week and a city

clerk might start work at around

case and will be sold to celebrate

the anniversary at £325 each, a collectors' bargain. Farlow's have all their early

catalogues in store at their head office at Cirencester and it's an

eye-opener to read about the rods, reels and lines used by our

great-great-grandfathers.
You could buy a three-joint hickory trout rod for 7s 6d (about 37p), but a "fancy"

camboo trout rod was only 2s

(10p). There was a tremendous

choice of salmon rods all made

of hickory. A four-joint ringed rod with winch fitting, socket spear and bag cost 20s for a 16ft rod, 25s for a 17ft rod, and 30s

Panniers or creeks were 3s 6d.

A 20-yard fly line for trout, with

for an 18ft rod.

FENCING

Birmingham potential

weekend should make progress towards a prominent place on the international circuit (Lesley Drennan writes).

British success can be ex-

WITH nearly 400 competitors and £2,000-worth of sponsor-ship, the Birmingham international tournament this Donnie McKenzie in the men's.

In the sabre, Gary Fletcher, the British champion, is a natural successor to the title in the absence of lan Williams.

each. They certainly could not afford EQUESTRIANISM

World Cup develops into a battle between champions

From Jenny MacArthur, Dortmund

WITH the World Cup almost four inches taller than the certain to go to Europe for the first time since 1979, tonight's horse — the two riders have second leg of the competition is set to be a conflict between the European champions, John Whitaker with Henderson Milton, the leaders after Thursday night's first leg, and the Olympic champions, Pierre Durand and Jappeloup, from France, who are lying a close second.

The highest-placed American rider is Tony Font on Lego, who is in tenth place. To date, no nder outside the top eight after the first competition has won. Despite the physical dif-

much in common. Both have been runners-up to the Canadian, Ian Millar, in the World Cup - Durant in 1988 and Whitaker last year in Florida. Both are confident that they can win this week - a confidence bolstered by having the "worst The two horses, who have

been European champions, jump better the bigger the course and tonight's one round and two Monday's grand prix final, should suit them. "My aim is to the European and Olympic keep as close to Whitaker as champions - the grey Milton is possible and hope he makes a

Strong Brigstock field

BRIGSTOCK Horse Trials, near Kettering, today and tomorrow traditionally heralds where many top British riders make full use of a testing track as a final preparation for the Whitbread three-day event (3 Special Correspondent writes). Virginia Leng, the world champion, beads the list of some 180 horses in the 2dvanced classes tomorrow. She is fresh from her success at Belton last weekend, when she beat some strong international com-petition during her first crosscountry sortie with Master Craftsman since their European championship victory lest September. She also rides Griffin.

lan Stark, Mary Thomson and Mark Phillips all had falls at Beiton and will be looking to the coming of Badminton and is redress the situation at Brigstock Lucinda Green is back in contention, with a promising new partner and Be Fair lookalike in Arctic Squire, while Rodney Powell, Karen Straker and Anne Marie Taylor are also in with a chance. The strongest overseas

contenders must be the New Zealanders with six riders, headed by Mark Todd, with three horses, and Andrew Nicholson, who has been consis-tently placed this year, as well as the six United States challengers, headed by Mike Huber and Cindy Collier, both regular

they remained in contention. is a measure of John Whitaker's superb judgement out needing to go faster. "It's always difficult to judge how fast to go in the first competition" , be said afterwards. " thought I might not have gone fast enough."
Whitaker praised the course designer. Olaf Petersen, who, as

mistake," Durand said

If either of the leaders makes

an error, the Frenchman, Hervé Godignon, and Whitaker's younger brother, Michael, lying

third and fourth respectively,

will be quick to take advantage.

These two had a fence down in the opening leg. adding six

seconds on to their score, but because of their fast times - five

seconds faster than Milion -

with his Olympic courses in Seoul in 1988 and the European championships last year, gave the riders no let-up from start to Millar lying in rwelfith place on Czar said afterwards "He s

tough - there's no pity in his body. The technique works well. As Whitaker pointed out: "A course which gets Europe's best courses into the top six must have got it right."

must have got it right."

VOLVO WORLD CUP FRAL (standings after first legt): 1. Hencerson Mitton (J. Whitaker, Gls.), 69.84; 2. Jappeloup (P. Duranc, Fr.), 70.43, Motor er Chandon La Benendre (H. Godgnon, Fr.), 70.25; 4. Hencerson Monscrits (M. Whitaker, Gls.), 70.47; 5. Dorson Le Sike (J. Tors, The Nemerlands), 70.84; 5. Opneburs Watterhoevil, (F. Sicothasis, WG, 71.74, Other Brains placings: 14, Burnah Grand Siam (N. Skotton), 76; 26, Evenest Ovever (E.-J. Mac), 72; 38, Mark Two (J. Turn), 78.39.

The Thinker defects but Desert Orchid stands firm

From Our Irish Racing Correspondent, Dublin

ARTHUR Stephenson's 1988 year's French and Irish Derby Cheltenham Gold Cup winner. The Thinker, was the most significant of the six withdrawals at yesterday's declaration stage for Mon-day's Ir£100,000 Jameson

Grand National This leaves 19 hopefuls, including Desert Orchid. still standing their ground. Even if there are further defections. the weight range will now remain constant, with only Desert Orchid, Carvill's Hill. Yahoo and Have A Barney actually racing off their allotted weights in the extended handicap.

Those below the 10 stone mark will be raised to that figure, leaving Peacock Royale to actually carry three stone more than his real handscap Irish jump enthusiasts are

tion to the latest predictions of the Dublin meteorological office than to the form book. David Elsworth, Jim Dreaper and John Edwards are three trainers with major fancies all of whom are hoping for a wet weekend. The latest prediction is that there will be some very unsettled weather

and vesterday afternoon Dub-

lin experienced a thunder and

hail storm. In their efforts to ensure the

O'Brien made three entries only for this year's Epsom Derby and one of the trio is Splash Of Colour, who has 24

opponents this afternoon. Earlier, the Curragh stages its first pattern race of the season, the group three EBF Gladness Stakes. This sevenfurlong contest is for threeyear-olds and upwards and among the contestants most interest will be attached to the running of Mr Brooks.

He emerged with a high reputation last autumn and duly obliged, cantering home six lengths in front of Grand Rapids. Kevin Connolly has entered him for the General Accident 2,000 Guineas as well as supplementing him for the Irish equivalent.

The older horses will cercurrently paying more atten-tion to the latest predictions of tackle for any would-be Guineas candidate as they include Milieu, a specialist over this distance and already a smart winner at Leopardstown last

Vincent O'Brien also provides an attractive older horse in Great Lakes, who met with injury after winning the second of his two starts last

Fairyhouse field

In their efforts to ensure the best possible ground to guarantee the participation of Desert Orchid and Carvill's Hill, the Fairyhouse executive has been applying considerable amounts of water to the landing side of the fences.

Vincent O'Brien provides his first runners of the season at the Curragh this afternoon, and it could be significant that as a prelude to the debut of Spiash Of Colour in the Boyne Majesh Of Colour

Lingfield purchase by Sheikh soon discounted

REPORTS that Sheikh Moham- parties over the sale of the track. med is to buy Lingfield Park racecourse were discounted yesterday by sources close to the Sheikh (George Rae writes).

Lingfield was bought from Caracter optimistic by some

Sheikh (George Rae writes).
Lingfield was bought from
Ron Muddle by Leisure Investments for £7 million two years
ago. Leisure Investments were subsequently taken over by Bear Brand, which in turn changed its name to Courtwell. Financially troubled Courtwell is thought to be in negotiation with interested

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ACROSS THE CARD



senior racing staff, was killed in a motor accident yesterday

for the national news agency for more than 20 years. He leaves a widow, Bridget, and stepson. Nelson Fairley, the PA chief sports editor, said: "Michael was one of the most respected and best known racing reporters in the South of England. He was a regular at the Newmarket bloodstock sales, where he was able to make use of his specialist

day it staged its inaugural bloodstock auction in conjunction with Doncaster Sales. Death of racing

City observers.
Lingfield is home to one of the

country's two all-weather cour-ses, and also has a hotel and

journalist MICHAEL Blackwell, one of

while on his way to work from his Newmarket home. Mr Blackwell, of Moulton Road, Newmarket, had worked

knowledge and extensive con-tacts. He will be very hard to



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Becher's Brook second time round and Chris Grant is already making stealthy prog-

Resilient Grant shrugs off another near miss

By John Dorman

FOR Chris Grant, the agony continues. Durham Edition's second place in last Saturday's agram Grand National meant that the popular northern rider had finished in the runner-up spot for the third time in five

spot for the third time in five years. He has also been second in the Gold Cup and, two seasons ago, was second in the jockeys' championship.

Despite these disappointments, Grant remains cheerful and philosophical. "Before the race, I thought that if Durham Edition was ever going to win it, this was the year. And he ran a blinder. He loves immona blinder. He loves jumping round, he made no mistakes and

just went so very fast." Apart from an overdue triumph for Grant, winning the National would have been a National would have been a highly appropriate seventieth birthday present for trainer Arthur Stephenson, with whom Grant is now in his second season as stable jockey. But it was not to be, and Durham Edition may be back next year.

After the race, Grant shrugged and said: "There's no point in looking back. It's Kelso next Monday. And anyway, you can't really be upset about coming second in a race like the sound appropriate seventieth work on Durham Edition, although in no way contravening the rules.

"I was just trying to win. I was trying to get every ounce out of less the less the were we were going to struggle to win. Maybe I was a bit hard on my horse, but in a race like the gotone objective in mind."

Grant launched his attack after the Canal Turn on the second circuit, gradually picking up on the leader but at the same time conserving his horse's energy. As the pair surged past Rinus, Neale Doughty shouted his encouragement, telling Grant that he would win. Grant, however, has been in

that position too often before and, by the time he reached the elbow, the seeds of defeat were hirking in his mind,

"Marcus Armytage did the job well, I think my horse helped him a his heins so close but him a bit, being so close, but Marcus was correct in putting his stick down."

Certainly, the two jockeys' riding styles were markedly different on the run-in, Armytage giving Mr Frisk just two back-handers, Grant hard at

Grant has been steering horses over obstacles for 20 years, since he first joined Denys Smith's yard at Bishop Auckland. He is one of the most experienced jockeys still riding, and one of the most popular. In

the weighing room, he rejoices in the nickname of Rambo.

He has ridden over 500 winners, though he has yet to win a major race. He has had his share of injuries, and last season ment five months on the side. spent five months on the side-lines with a broken leg. In addition, he has the worry of the fact that his wife, Dawn, suffers from cancer. She enters a London hospital this weekend for we souther operation

for yet another operation.
But it would take more than even all that to put Chris. Grant down. With 70 winners this season he is on course to pass his best-ever total of 80. If he finishes in the first six in the championship he will be well satisfied. Yet you can't help thinking that this thoroughly decent and approachable man decent and approachable man

Last Wednesday, Grant em-barked on a 500-mile round trip to Ascot for one ride. It unsessed him at the first fence. For some people, there appears to be little

In-form Chilhampton can Chilhampton collect in Times qualifier

Point-to-point by Brian Beel

A BUSY time is in store for point-to-point enthusiasts with a total of 29 meetings over the

He started favourite for a 20-runner maiden event at Larkhill last time out, and quickened to win impressively by 10 lengths. His market price was fully justified as previously he had run well when second to the subsequent Wincanton hunter chase winner Wellington

Adamare returns to Sandon to contest *The Times* qualifier at the North Staffordshire. Three weeks ago, on this course, he won a division of the maiden by a distance for Chris Bealby, after Crossing (entered again in the Crossfire (entered again in the maiden) fell in the lead two

As Ahalin disappointed last time out, the main threats to Adamare following up may come from the Eaton Hall maiden winner, Colonial Princess, and from The Dark Watch, provided this one can get his jumping straightened out.

Nick cannot be seriously op-posed for the Lord Grimthorpe Cup at the Middleton. Clearly

THE TIMES Handy. The Times Championship qualifier at the Ledbury has attracted 59 entries among which is Chilhampton.

He started favourite for a 20Championship

Championship

best of the others is Final Chant, the comfortable winner of a hunter chase at Hexham 19 days

This prestigious race is a Land Brown.

If he can repeat this sort of form, Chilhampton should have little difficulty in winning today.

Osman Express and Little Rice may have to be content with fighting it out for the minor Gentle Approach and Golden

Buck's Mill was easy to back at 9-1 when he won at Kilworthy for Ian Foale, but he could well start favourite and justify such support in the Audi qualifier at the Tetestt. For the same sponsor's event at the Vale of Aylesbury. Theresa and Robert Elwell have a strong hand with both the 18-year-old White Paper, and Adventures engaged.

There are RMC qualifiers at maiden winner, Colonial Princess, and from The Dark Watch, provided this one can get his jumping straightened out.

Following his good showing in the Christie Foxhunters, Old Nick cannot he sercicely on and may deep a specialist. and may do so again, though his regular rider, Minette Hill, may be at the West Somerset Vale

The easing of the going at Tweseldown could enable 19-year-old Tim McCarthy to achieve a riding double at the Garth and South Berks on in the maiden.

Successful in his last three races, Carl's Choice may repeat his win of last year in the open at the Packeridge and Thuriow. The members' race over natural country, which starts the meeting, has not attracted the usual udance of entries with only nine down to start.

Today's meetings Astrond Valley, Charing, 8m north east of Astrond Valley, Charing, 8m north east of Astrond 20 steril. Sense of Demand. Themes, 3m SW of Morphin (2.0), Carta and South Berks, Twesseldown, 3m W of Accepta (2.0); Ludbury, Marines Park, 2m NW of Charonser Park, 3m SC of Blendford (2.0), Packerdige & Thurbon, North Serifordishing, 2m Am S of Source (2.0); Particle (2.0), Packerdige & Thurbon, Horselestin, 3m E of Linconsector (2.0); Valle of Aylesbury (2.0); Valle of Lane, Whittington, 2m S of Kirby Lonselle (2.0); West Somerset Valle, Nedge Sm NE of West (2.0); Woodland Pytichley, Dingdey, 2m E of Market Harborough (2.15).

Namoos in the open and Falside

After losing the horse on whom he won the 1988 Audi final, Paddy Murphy — who broke a fetlock at the Dumfriesshire last week — Charles Sample could have some small consolation in the open at the Braes of Derwent. He rides Timur's Double, already qualified for this year's Cheltenham final by his success at Friars Haugh last time out. Haugh last time out.

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By Our Newmarket Correspondent 2.15 Cantoris. 3.15 Donna Elvira. 3.45 Cass-murrae. 4.15 ALIM (nap).

Going: firm 2.15 NORTHUMBERLAND BOYS CLUBS HAND-ICAP (£2,490: 5f) (10 runners)

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11-4 Mr Waddiove, 3-1 Great Chaddington, 9-2 Centoria. 5-1 Hasson Led, 7-1 Waveney Star, Resuctide, 10-1 others: 2.45 BENFIELD BOYS CLUB CLAIMING RACE GUARANTEED SWEEPSTAKES (2-Y-O: £2,070:

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Course specialists

TRADERS: H Coci, 14 winners from 34 numers, 41.2%; L Cumeni, 7 from 23, 30.6%, B Hanbary, 6 from 31, 19.4%; J Berry, 13 from 77, 16.9%; M Easterby, 24 from 147, 16.3%; Mrs. J Ramsden, 6 from 41, 14.6%.

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Selections

By Mandaria
2.15 Ba'penny Nap. 2.45 Quassimi. 3.15 Favoski.
3.45 The Langholm Dyer. 4.15 Nickel Silver. 4.45
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Going: firm (good to firm in places) 2.16 CUMMERSOALE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,856: 2m :11

110yd) (8 runners) 1 STRU HAPPENEY NAP 26 (F.O.D.) C Seems 13-11-12 Billions 2 4122 PRINCIPLE STAR 5 (F) W A Simplement 5-11-8 A Larmoth (R)

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TRANSCER D McCain, 11 womens from 50 resours, 22.0%, 0 Remarcks, 30 from 155, 19.2%, G Nixons, 9 from 51, 17.6%, C Perfer, 9 from 55, 16.4%; J J O'Nell, 8 from 53, 15.1%; J Jefferson, 6 from 42, 14.5%.

Selections

By Mandarin 2.15 Guiburn's Nephew. 2.45 Thats Nice. 3.15 How Now. 3.45 Crowcoopper. 4.15 Rastannova. 4.45 Muscleton

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Raj Waki ready to make up for lost time in classic trial

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

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at Kempton today. American-bred colt, by the successful stallion Miswaki, has been seen in public was at Goodwood last lithe than the case, Elmanmul is cer. Hattel, my choice for the tamly not unbeatable.

Wigan Evening Post HandiCondenned last lithe at the case, and the case, the case is taken to cap, has always looked the turned the Chichester City Stakes into a procession, winming by eight lengths.

In this instance it was not so much what the horse beat but the way that he did it that was

so captivating
Lift And Load, the horse
that was left trailing in his wake, had already run Swiss Affair, an opponent this afternoon, to a head at Ascot. Raj Waki did not race again

as a two-year-old because he started to cough. His reappearance today is the moment that his admirers last year, who is now the have long been warning for. subject of the most encourag-

penalised for deeds done last Stome year, Candy Glen heavily so for winning the Gran Criterium at San Siro in Milan samul, the other unbeaten colt sutumn. in the field.

Going: firm

Mark Low Transport

Selections

By Manderm

2.30 Kingswood Kitchens. 3.0 Gabish. 3.30 Isms: Princess. 4.0 Operator Score. 4.30 Mister Butler. 5.0 Sunset Again.

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5-2 Final Flutter, 3-1 Gebiets, 7-8 Gold Justice, 5-1 Eastern Evening, 6-1 throlved Again, 6-1 Arabis Land, 10-1 others.

3.30 DEREK THURLOW & PARTNERS NOVICES

1 - 000 GRE UP UD Greig 7-11-7 Redekisheb 2 PURP GCLDEN OZY 73 C Poptism 8-11-7 J Dagger 3 - PF5 TOPKAPF 54 (F) J White 7-11-7 K Bester 4 - 0000 TRYNBEPHANT LAD 40 T Jones 6-11-7 K Periong 5 3757 ANAR PRINCERS 50 Airs J Please 7-11-2 M Bousley 6 3/4 PRINCERS 50 Airs J Please 7-11-2 M Bousley 7 P MATTA MAR FLYER 80 P Bager 5-10-8 Mr A Welch (7)

2-1 jame Princess, 5-2 Gee: Lip, 3-1 Price Me 6-1 Toplassi, 10-1 Tryumphent Led; 20-1 others.

Selections

By Mandarin

2.0 Point Made. 2.30 Lending Hand. 3.0 Border Burg. 3.30 Tarooney. 4.0 Prize Command. 4.30 Bold Choice.

Brian Beel's selection: 3.0 Border Bury.

20 SCHILIZZI CHALLENGE BOWL (Hendicap

230 YOMICESTER SPRING SELLING HANDICAP

11-4 Ali Mourad, 3-1 Landing Hand, 4-1 Mister Byblos, 11-2 Must Se Magic, 8-1 Switt Affair, 12-1 Mantinit, 20-1 others.

3.0 EMPRESS ELIZABETH OF AUSTRIA HUNTERS CHASE (Ameteurs: 22,127: 3m 190yd)

(4) 1 14-8 MORDEN BURG 50 (CD,F,0,5) J Dulahooku 13-12-4 A HRE

1 1213 PORT MADE 18 (D.BF.F.Q.B) J Booky 7-11-10

Chase: 22,706: 2m 50yd) (2 runners)

1-8 Point Made, 4-1 Tropico.

HURDLE (£1,758: 2m) (12)

2 -EPP TROPICO 149 | Wards 7-10-3

CHASE (£2,174: 2m 4f) (7)

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Going: film (watering)

1 SP-8 RNOLVED AGAIN 112 (D.S) F O'Michony 8-18-0 2 0009 POWAL PLATTER 15 (0.D.M.F.P.C) A Moore-5-1-6 @ Moore

KAJ Waki, a leading light in now on the same terms. Nabell Dancer, my selection Guy Harwood's vast yard at Yet the word from West for the Field Marshal Stakes,

Pulborough, is taken to win fisley, where Elmanmul is won an equally good race at the Bonusprint Easter Stakes trained by Dick Hern, is that Thirsk first time out last he is not considered to be as season before climbing the The only occasion that this good as Mukddaam, if that is ladder.

Goodwood last July when he complete a double for not only type who would be better at Harwood, but also Ray four than three while Cochrane, his new stable jockey, who will have a lot going for him when the very easy Folkestone winner Ardini winner trained by Roger Contacts the Chatsworth Challen again than Barry contests the Chatsworth Charlton, even though Barry

Handicap.

Hills's runner Bold Ambition
The formidable Pulborough will obviously constitute a big the formidable Purporough duo will also be hopeful of winning the Queen's Prize In my view, a more likely winner for Hills is Laxey Bay, winning the Queen's Prize
with Royal Square, who will
certainly be as hard as nails
after a successful spell hurdline this coversful spell hurdling this winter.

But I am keener on Teamster, a winner on the course. have long been warring for.

As Candy Glen, Noble
Patriarch and Star Hill are all
where he is trained by Michael

on the strength of some very promising recent homework.

Racing next week

MONDAY: Kempton Park, New-castie, Nothingham, Warnery, Chepstow, Carlisle, Wetherby, Newton Abbot, Plumpton, Win-camon; Fakerham, Hereford, Huntingdon, Market Rasen, Towcester, Umoxeter. TUESDAY: Newmarket, War-wick, Wetherby, Chepstow. Utioneter.

TRURSDAY: Newmarket, Ayr, Cheltenham.
FRIDAY: Newbury, Thirels, Ayr, LATURDAY: Newbury, Thirels, Ayr, LATURDAY: Newbury, Thirels, Ayr, Stratford, Bangor,

AS CONTRAX HANDICAP HUMBLE (E2,322-2m)

1 1894 OPHRATIC ROOMS 17 (COURT, Full J Jackins 5-12-0

2 3118 OFTH MACH ST (B,CD,F,CLS) T Mallowers 5-12-0

3 SEP1 SATE HIGH 40 EULE F USE F O'Mishony 5-11-4
A PEP1 QUAL D'ORRAY 15 (CD.F.S) F O'Mishony 5-11-4
MI Chose
5 SEOF HALLOROSS 40 (V.CD.S) J Finch-Hoyes 6-11-4
Doin McCount
Mr II Whealer

9-4 Hats High, 11-4 Operatio Score, 7-8 Dipyn Bech, 4-1 Qual D'Orsey, 18-1 Halloroes, 35-1 Betu.

4.30 ABERGAVERNY CHALLENGE CUP (Handicap chase: £2,364; 3m 1f) (4)

2 PPES GROUT LIST 10 J GROWN 7-16-5 R Finne 3 JSP - JUST A GROST 369 (DJP) Mrs J Franch 14-10-2 Miss S Franch 4 PPPS CHAIR DU POREATTEUR 25 (CJQ) R Curtin 10-10-0 R Cardinglin

11-10 Minter Butler, 5-4 Short List, 12-1 Just A Chost, 18-1 Obelo Du Fondeseur.

ELO HAELSHAM NOVICES HURDLE (21,360: 2m 4f)

1 0091 MONNET AGAIN 17 (2)7 M Robinson 5-11-5 J Daggard 2 1464 JCLLESNE 128 (BF)9 S Woodman 6-11-1 R Dassacody 8 0002 SHAVE SETANTA 10 F O'Manony 6-11-0 M Glassic 4 2530 FRICHGLOW 64 J GENOT 7-11-0 M Robinson 8 4649 OUTCAST 42 A Moore 6-11-0 M Robinson 8 4649 OUTCAST 42 A Moore 6-11-0 M Robinson 7 280 SELENT CHANT 44 (B) D Murray Smith 8-11-0 M Gowley 8 1-6 LIZZES LASS 25 F (2xy 5-10-0 M Consent) 9 8 PETALOUAN 15 P Howfing 6-10-0 M Charles (7) 10 -664 SANATOGA SCL 40 J FRICH-Hopes 7-10-0 J Clarks (7) 8 4 SANATOGA SCL 40 J FRICH-Hopes 7-10-0 J Clarks (7)

Course specialists

TRANSMITTED Microsy Smith, 14 winners from 30 consusus, 46.7%; Mrs. J Pitters. 19 from 52, 36.5%; J White, 7 from 34, 20.6%; P Jones, 7 from 24, 16.7%; F Gray, 4 from 27, 14.8%; N Genetics, 4 from 27, 14.8%; N Genetics, 4 from 27, 14.8%; N Genetics, 4 from 27, 14.6%; N Genetics, 4 from 27, 14.6%; N Genetics, 4 from 27, 16.6%; R Genetics, 3 from 15, 20.0%; M Kinson, 13 from 78, 16.5%; R Genetics, 3 from 247, 14.6%; R Rows, 15 from 117, 12.6%.

I NATI CALDER CONTROL AT (ST) C PARTY B-12-0 G Company (7)

J Distant (7)
4 28-5 COLONIL, HEATHER 37 (D.J.A.J.) M Viction 15-11-5
Capt M Viction (7)

4-5 Storous Surp. 6-8 Course protess. 4-1 Cultur Bridge, 8-1

3.30 SCHOLZZI 1909 COMMEMORATIVE CHALLENGE CUP (Handkap Chang 22,588: 2m 6)

1 1194 METER SUILER 10 (COLF.Q) P JONES 11-11-10

As far as the Bonusprint Masaka Stakes is concerned, this can go to Alidiva, who accounted for Soy Roberto in October, the main danger to accounted for Soy Roberto Raj Waki should be Elm- and Rami at Newmarket last

in the field.

Before winning easily at Sandown last September, he accounted for Sann Wood at Newmarket and they meet (5.0).

At Haydock, Pat Eddery looks like enjoying a field day with Naheel Dancer (3.0), Hateel (3.30) and Deploy

Graham Bradley: rides Kildimo at Wetherby

Graham Bradley will resume his association with Kildimo when Toby Balding's chaser returns to action at Wetherby on Monday Bradley has not partnered the

gelding on the racecourse since his owner, Lady Harris, ended her retainer with the jockey shortly before the 1988 Whitbread Gold Cup.

Kildimo has been ridden since by Balding's stable jockey, Jimmy Frost, but the horse has failed to hve up to connections'

Bradley back on Kildimo Gold Cup aspurations and fell at the fifteenth fence this year.

He has been at shownumper Harvey Smith's yard in York-

shire since falling at Cheltenham, but Bradley believes the
horse is over his back and leg
problems and is looking forward
to riding my old mate. I had
quite a bit of success when I was
retained for all Lady Harris's
torses."

The stewards at Wetherby
and Fakersham, two of Mon-

"Toby asked me at Liverpool and Fakenham, two of Mon-if I fancied riding him next time day's 16 meetings, have given with a view to partnering him in permission for watering to continue, if necessary, until tomorwent to Harvey's, schooled him row night.

"I am really looking forward

4.10 BONUSPRINT MASAKA STAKES (3-Y-O fillies: £8,805: 1m) (8

4.40 BONUSPRINT EASTER STAKES (Listed race: 3-Y-O colts and

geldings: £10,820: 1m) (9 runners)

Guide to our in-line racecard

Receird number. Onew in brackets. Six-figure form (F - fet. P - puted up. U - unsessed rider and B - brought down. S - stoped up. R - retuent B - brought down. S - stoped up. R - retuent B - brought feel. Horse's atems. Days stock test cutting: J if jumps. F if flet. (B - blinkers vulting: J if jumps. F if ju

401 (2) 1- ALEDIVA 178 (G) (C Wecker 20) H Cocil 8-9 S Cauthen © 90
402 (3) 41130- LA CABRELIA 230 (F,Q) (Mrs R Kennerd) P Websyn 8-9 W R Swindown 25
403 (4) 412306- LONG SILAND 162 (P) (M HS) N Cataghan 8-9 L Detent 67
404 (6) 3510- PALACE ETREET 158 (C) (Mss B Swind G Gelding 8-9 L Contract 67
405 (1) 119406- PERFORMENC ARTS 128 (F) (R Sangeer) 8 HS 8-9 R Contract 98
406 (3) 216- SAJLAYA 176 (3) (H Al-Mexicum) J Dunlop 8-9 W Carson 92
407 (8) 401530- SURPASSING 156 (F) (D Swill) C Gritten 9-9 T Cutter 86
408 (7) 33- EDREES ACCOUNT 158 (D Wisson) R Wilsons 8-5 R Hills 76
BETTING: 9-4 Alidiva, 7-2 Sejinya, 5-1 Palson Street, Performing Arts, 7-1 La Cabrilla. 14-1 Long Island.
20-1 Surpassing, 25-1 Express Account:

FORM FOCUS ALIDIVA won Newmarket market (8).

good) by %I from Soy Roberto. Sure to improve
LA CABRILLA 15%I 6th to Arbusal in group III event at
at Desurite (7), soft; previously 43 3rd to Prigrach's
Designt in group III event at Accuracy (8), good to from
with PALACE STREET (same terms) 71 5th.

Beleast in New Terms (2) 32 5th.

Selection: ALIDIVA

FORM FOCUS CANDY (N.S.) ponelized for winning group I evert in Milen (fin., good) in October delecting Nevet Syrtos. 1141 in Salebury marken (fin. NOBLE PATRIARCH continued on appraise to delect flattour Bat N. on final start or based event at Assoc (fin., good to first).

ELMAASSUL Dear SATTIN WOOD (serins terms) 31 on Novemental death (fit., good to first), subsequently

5.10 QUEEN ELIZABETH HANDICAP (3-Y-O £3,961 6f) (26 nunners)

Free Handicap attracts 14

THERE are 14 acceptors for the Ladbroke European Free Handicap at Newmarket next Wednesday They are: Anshen, Book The Bend Cultimen Osarik. Deyyur Mossege Pad Montendre Osario. Please Bekeve Me, Cattet, Rughmork. Sheer Pracocity Welney Zomari.

The acceptors for the group three Earl Of Sefton Stakes are: Alphabel, Bex. Clelamour Citidencer. Perulio. Peot. Pursts Army, Porter Rinces, Reset Pitcher Scenic, Tenenofi. Top-Boot, Vegue Shot.

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KEMPTON PARK

Selections

By Mandarin 2.40 Gone Savage. 3.10 Ardiui.

3.40 Teamster. 4.10 Alidiva. 4.40 Raj Waki. 5.10 Funun.

Correspondent 240 Waw1 3.10 Tidemark. 3.40 Teamster. 4.10 Alidıva. 5.10 Shattered Dreams

By Our Newmarket

By Michael Seely

| 3.40 Lucky Verdict. 4.40 Elmaamul. | | | |
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| Going: good to firm | | | |
| 2.40 EBF REDFERN MAIDEN STAKES (2 | Y-O cotts and geldings: £2,299: 5f) (8 runners) | | |
| 101 (5) 80 WELING ASHES TO Pairs S G 102 (0) GOME SAVAGE PAIR S G 103 (2) HELIOS (1 Penting) R Sessee 104 (3) HELIOS (1 Penting) R Sessee 105 (1) LAND SUN (1 Michael) M Can 106 (7) 2 LEVEL XING 8 (S Squires) M 107 (8) HADAR KHOORT (A Alexander 108 (4) WAAD (N Canagras) N Callag 85777M2: 9-4 Gone Sevage, 5-2 Level Xing, 7 14-1 Land Sun, 33-1 Rader Knight. | erad) R Stable 9-0. G Duffield P Cole 9-0. T Game n 9-0. S Welmorth proceedings of the process of the pro | | |
| | W Whaten (89-1) C Brindry 11 ran | | |
| 3.10 CHATSWORTH HANDICAP (3-Y-O: | 23,863: 1m 2f) (17 runners) | | |
| 202 (10) 19- TEDMARK 178 (P) (N Crossiss 203 (S) \$842-1 KINO'S SHILLING 16 (P) (P to 304 (f) 4-1 ARDLIR 16 (D)-F) (K ADDARS (G) 205 (S) 6-1 RECTILLON 39 (D) (Anglo Tic 205 (N) 443- CROWN SALADEE 179 (M P) 207 (TS) 486245- ARABIAN SALENCE 185 (P B) | Whighth H Cendy 9-7 C. Retter 87 | | |

BETTING: 5-1 Archal. 6-1 King's Stating, Tidemerk, 7-1 Rectifion, 6-1 Archae Silence, 10-1 Cro-lades, Rezzberry, 12-1 High Beacon, 14-1 Rings, Singing Detective, 16-1 others.

1869: SEREMO 7-8 A Proud (13-2) Mrs N Mecaulay 12 ran

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3.40 QUEEN'S PRIZE (Handicap: £7,692: 2m) (15 runners)



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By Mandarin

5.00 Deploy.

2.00 Rhythmic Dancer. 2.30 LAXEY BAY (nap). 3.00 Nabcel Dancer. 3.30 Hancel. 4.00 Masked Ball. 4.30 Eager Deva.

By Our Newmarket 2.00 Tinkins Wood. 2.30 Little Big. 3.00 Red Henry. 3.30 Momset. 4.00 Noble Lustre. 4.30 Reasonable Kid.

Michael Scely's selection: 3.30 GREEK FLUTTER (pap).

Selections

1 SEEZ TARCONEY 35 (0.5) F Curdell 10-12-0................... R Streets
2 PRZ1 KARAKTER SEPERINCE 10 (C.F) L Corbett 8-10-0 5-1912 - CRYD AT THE CON 25 CFF. S.S. J Colored 9-10-7 4.1496 SOLAR OLDUG 199 (CD.)F,CLIS M Charles 8-10-2 5 896 AQUA VERDE WA Reid 11-10-5........ J Notang

7-4 Str's At The Gla, 5-2 Kerstein Pederator, 7-2 Tercoray, 8-1 Solar Cloud, 13-1 Ages Vertis. 4.0 POMFRET MOVICES CHASE (12,860: 2m 5)

1 PPS4 PROTE COMMAND 17 N Genetur 13-11-7.... K Meeney & PRSS TEMECOCKY AS C Registers 6-11-7 Mr A Second (7) 4-6 Tenecount, Evens Prize Commend. 4.30 LITTLE EVERDON MOVICES HURDLE (21,674: 2m) (3)

1 3823 BOLD CHOICE 4 J Joseph 10-10 B Storm 2 3842 CHRISTIANS HOLE 12 J Boxley 10-10 B S 8220 COUGAR 18 A Reid 10-10 Y Smit 4-5 Bold Choice, 2-1 Christophi (10%, 7-2 Course)

Course specialists TRANSPORT J Delahooka, 3 winners from 3 runners, 100,0%; J Joseph, 3 from 4, 75,0%; C Saunders, 4 from 12, 33,3%; D Juffrite, 4 most 12, 23,3%; P Queent, 4 from 20, 16,0%; N Gaseles, 5 from 48, 12,6%. JOCKEYS: Mr A HB, 4 winners from 9, 44.6%; K Mooney, 18 from 74, 34.2%; J Religion, 3 from 80, 42.2%; J Pallion, 8 from 28, 10.2%. Only qualifiers.

Selections By Mandarin

2.15 Brilliant Wish. 2.45 Peerglow. 3.15 Storm Warrior. 3.45 Romerhof. 4.15 Gratification. 4.45 Brian Beel's selection: 4.15 Oh Why.

Going: firm (chase course); standard (hurdles) 2.15 HAND-LUCK HOVICES HANDICAP NUMBLE (£1,794: 2m) (11 runners)

1 3121 MISTER LAWSON 40 (D) Mrs J Plimer 4-11-10 2 222 MOVA LAD 40 BBP P Bovan 6-11-3. J Tollo (7)
2 223 MOVA LAD 40 BBP P Bovan 6-11-3. J Leider (3)
3 21 MOP THE TWING 14 (CD) B Praces 5-11-2. A Justice (7)
4 25 SMINLY PERFECT 12F M JOHNSON 4-11-4. D Control
5 8412 INDRIDGIL 25 D Burchell 5-10-11. D J Burchell
6 8414 BRELLIANT WISH 32 (C.BF) R Ficher 7-10-6. W Daylor
7 5-101 JASSEN PATH 36 (D.G) J Bundell 5-10-9. M Breumen
8 (MP2 3M HEICH 14 R Digith 7-10-0. R Gyest
10 483 GRAVITY FORCE 164 J Herris 6-10-9. J A Henris
11 SMINLY HOMEY 1844 B Richmann 10-10-0. J A Henris
12 Mileter Levison, 9-2 Nordoll, 5-1 Simple Barland, 6-4

2-1 Masor Lawson, 9-2 Ivordoll, 5-1 Simply Parisct, 6-1 Nove Led, 8-1 Jasmine Path, 10-1 Shy Hiter, 12-7 others. 2.45 FISICERTON SELLING HURDLE (£1,576: 2m

| (9) | | | · | - |
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| 1-54 | THOSE PET 10 | (O) W Blest 6-11 | <u> </u> | - |
| | BLUE FINCH 23 | (B) J. Jentine 6-1 | 1-3 P | |
| And: | CARLINGS (5 (| Azi 8 Warmo 6-11-
P) B Prança 6-11- | 3 | |
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| | PERIOLOW 29 | (B) C Williams 8-1 | Q-12 | |
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6-4 Cartaien, 5-2 Tigers Per, 5-1 Buckgreid, 6-1 Peergiow, 10-1 Stern Princess, 12-1-Just One Kiss, 14-1 Others. 3.15 CALVERTON HANDICAP HURDLE (Ama-

1 1226 STORM WASSECR 28 (B,CD,SF,Q) B Proccs 5-11-10 2 UPG TEPTEON ST (Q,R) / Poerce 11-11-0 Q Chary

\$ 2112 BOLLER GORGEOGO 16F (8) C Basser 4-10-10 4 F4P POUNDATES SE (V.D.F.G.S) A Smith 13-10-10 6 POS PETERNO ROSEY SE (N.O.F.) (N.O.F.) D. TOTOMING (7)
6 POS SELVER SHOW 288 (P) Mrs E Sout 12-0-5
Mins, J. Sout (7)
6 SALF GAN ON LAD 11 (F) K Morgan 9-10-3... K Johnson (5)
7 8005 PETERNO ROSEY SE (D.O.S.) D Todd 8-10-0
Mins, L. Todd (7) 8 45F2 LOST ART 45 (8,F-8) M Charles 7-10-0 T Specific (7) 8 5945 ESPRIT DE PENNE 35 V Young 4-10-0 T Specific (7) 10 4805 CHARLOTTE'S GET 25 T Kerney 6-10-0. R Nessett (7) 5-2 Gen On Led. 7-2 Bollo Gorgeous, 5-1 Storm Wenter, 6-1 Tepylon, 8-1 Lost Art, 12-1 Silver Snow, 16-1 others. 3.45 SOUTH MUSICHAM NOVICES HAMDICAP

CHASE (22,490: 2m 100yd) (3) 1 - 665 ROMERHOF 28 (D.E) T Decreely 9-11-10 III Lynch 2 8-00 IMPECCABLE TRANS 30 (D.S) O O'Neil 7-11-6 3 - OPE PEACENDIK 64 Mrs G Reveloy 5-11-3 Pitese 5-4 Romerhof, 6-4 Peacework, 7-2 Impeccable Timing. 4.15 JAMES SEELY NEMORIAL TROPHY (Hunter

Chase: amateurs: £1,841: 3m) (4) 1 1-19 EDENFFING & ED.F.B.S) C Lucasiden 11-12-7 2 2P12 OH WHY 19 F.53 W A Suphenson 8-12-7 Technon (7)
3 2U-9 GRATIFICATION S2 (2),0,7,0,3) C Sweeting 13-11-7
8 Breaking (7)
4 8-14 DRIMAN-HOUSE 130 (BF,F) C Ward Thomas 6-11-2 5-4 On Why, 5-2 Gratification, 7-2 Edenapring, 8-1 Diseas-1

4.45 CAUNTON HANDICAP CHASE (E2,922: 3m) 1 3622 BALLICH 21 (B,C,D,BF,F,G,S) & Procco 9-11-10 2 -POP BORROWDALE 10 (D,F,S) T 88 8-10-0 ...

1-7 Baluchi, 9-2 Borrowdele.

Course specialists TRANSERS: D Burchell, 10 winners from 40 runners, 25.0%; A Sman, 4 from 18, 22.2%; W A Stephenson, 71 from 58, 19.0%; R Feber, 3 from 18, 18.9%; Mrs G Reveley, 11 from 60, 18.3%; B Presco, 13 from 71, 18.5%.

LOCKETE Alucina, 7 winners from 21 rides, 33.3%; M Lynch, 4 from 13, 30.8%; M Dwyer, 35 from 145, 24.1%; Gary Lyons, 12 from 53, 24.0%; P Neven, 11 from 63, 17.5%; M Brannan, 18 from 171, 11.1%.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 5.00 DEPLOY. Going: firm Draw: 5f-6f, high numbers best 20 PHILIP CORNES NICKEL ALLOYS MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: BEG 1 22,507: 5f) (10 runners) J Corroll — Il Roberts n Stables Ltd) J Berry 9-0 16 Biech METTING: 2-1 Rhythmic Dencer. 11-4 David's Flight. 7-2 Tinkine Wood, 5-1 Vireige Only, 8-1 Crystal st, Prince Of Hutton, 10-1 others. THE METING ABANCANED - COURSE WATERLOGGE

FORM FOCUS DAVID'S FLIGHT 2 winners including African Abendon, where twice out with MORTHERN NATION (Bib womes off) 3: over 5f as a two-year-old and placed or group company. Cost IR18,000gns as a yearing PRINCE OF Size out, with MORTHERN NATION (Bib womes off) 3: diff TON (Bible of 10 to 14 to 10 to 15 to

2.30 BEAMISH IRISH STOUT HANDICAP (3-Y-Ö: £6,316: 1m 40yd) (12 (5) 300310- AGE OF MBRACLES 204 (D,F) (R Cycar) C Cycar 9-7 Ni Wighate (S) 12610- PETRIA 183 (F) (J Lazzari) R Hannon 9-4 S Roome (11) 82213- LAXCY BAY 181 (D,F) (Sr Gorcon Witta) B Nibs 9-4 N N Nibs (10) 15- LAND AFAR 224 (F) (Nrs F Alien) W Jarris 9-3 N Tabbett (F) 2014- GO SUY SALLEYS 154 (D,G) (G Balley Lith) M Johnston 6-13. R P Elliot (F) 4-120- GET GORIG 154 (F) (R Bracley) W Shey 8-8 N Noberts (G) 4-120- GET GORIG 154 (F) (R Bracley) W Shey 8-8 N Nibs (G) 4-120- GET GORIG 154 (F) (R Bracley) W Shey 8-8 N Nibs (G) 1200- ARSTRAGEUR 221 (F) (R Jones) E Oven Jun 6-7 N D Correll (G) 1200- ARSTRAGEUR 221 (F) (R Jones) E Oven Jun 6-7 N D Correll (G) 1200- ARSTRAGEUR 221 (F) (R Jones) E Oven Jun 6-7 N D Correll (G) 1200- ARSTRAGEUR 221 (F) (R Jones) E Oven Jun 6-7 N D Correll (G) 1200- ARSTRAGEUR 221 (F) (R Jones) E Oven Jun 6-7 N D Correll (G) 1200- ARSTRAGEUR 221 (F) (R Jones) E Oven Jun 6-7 N D Correll (G) 1200- ARSTRAGEUR 221 (F) (R Jones) E Oven Jun 6-7 N D Correll (G) 1200- ARSTRAGEUR 221 (F) (R Jones) E Oven Jun 6-7 N D Correll (G) 1200- ARSTRAGEUR 221 (F) (R JONES) H BRI R HOMINSHOOD JUNGS 154 (D,F) (Carlesto Wright) J Watts 8-5 J Lowe (T) Lowe (T) 154 (D,F) (Carlesto Wright) J Watts 8-5 A Clark (T) 154 11· (2) 12 (1)

BETTING: 3-1 Eire Lesth-Sceal, 4-1 Land After, 11-2 Petips, 7-1 Laxey Bay, 8-1 Bold Patrick, Little Big, 10-1 Get Going, 12-1 others. FORM FOCUS AGE OF MERACLES made all to best hope scotch at Brighton (tim, good to first) on penultiments start. Lest time out, 874 4th of size at York (71, good to first) on penultiments start. Lest time out, 874 4th of 500 at the start of the start of

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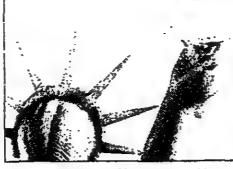
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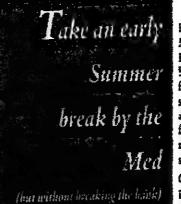


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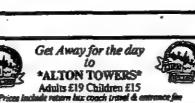
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Raising a smile in la ville grimace

there was no finer and unexpected visias, such as place on earth to be the Eiffel Tower glimpsed living at the time. The great from afar through streets full bicentenary clean-up had of gandy banners coming achieved the near impossible of gandy banners. achieved the near impossible down the hill into the Chinaof making Paris even more town of Belleville, beautiful than usual (though My own introd some may have found the gilt walking the city was achieved paint overdone). Museums with the aid of A. Lecoute's and galleries were full of thick brown Plan de Paris, enthralling exhibitions, cinemas and theatres were cele- have yet to find the timest

had actually paid off. For haven of peace, quiet and every haughty Parigot complaining that the city had heart of the Left Bank.

become simply uninhabitable and departing early for the residence secondaire, there were half a dozen ready, even eager, to share the great

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of the event, without the sacrifice of any of its match-less splendour, bicentennial Tour Eiffel, just because it Paris was also great fun. With the best will in the world, that has not always been the case in a city that was once succinctly described — by Henry Miller— as "a cold bitch". Closer to home, L'Express magazine passes judgement on homo Parisianus: distrustful by na-

helpful".
So what about the 1990 version of city and inhabitants? Well, Paris is still pretty clean (much more so, days); still pretty safe within the obvious limits of common

And for all the excellence of its public transport system, Paris remains a paradise for the inquisitive walker, end-lessly rewarding for those with sage words of my Sunday evening rush hour, or tatty stretches of tourist wasteland. And because there are always people around, there are local shops, local bars, local lessly rewarding for those with sage words of my Sunday restaurants — all kept keenly

ooking back on the time to stop, look, divert and Parisian summer of delve. After three years, it can '89, it strikes me that - still stop me dead with sudden

Contrary to know Paris well, but are received wisdom,

learn fast, there is ab-solutely no rea-Parisians do have a sense well-trodden occasion with visitors.

The result without for of Self-mockery Parisian attraction

> seems too corny for words?
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> By the same token, a boat trip on the Seine is an excellent way to get a grasp of the lay-out of the city between Left and Right Banks from a different and enjoyable angle. French visitors from outside

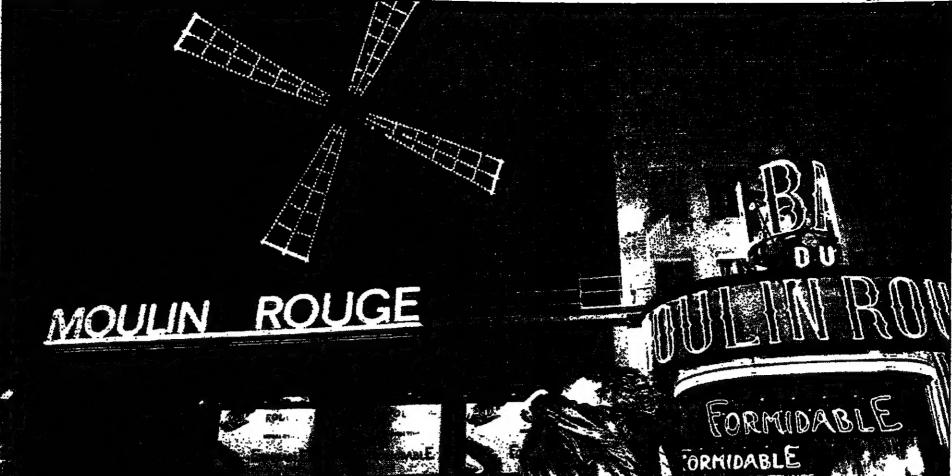
country cousins. You could do worse than ask them where they plan to the obvious limits of common est: the despised provincials sense; still compact enough for snyone with a few free days to explore and exploit it in a way that is becoming increasingly difficult in some of the world's. By all means try tracking other great capitals.

My own introduction to basing 1789 in high and low style, and as the sum beat down and the city filled up with visitors, there was an edge, a distinct crackle, to everyday life.

Most pleasing of all, the strennous efforts of the French tourist industry to persuade the locals to be more friendly to visitors in this of all years had actually paid off. For haven of peace, quiet and

who do not yet

Parisianus: distrustful by nathe capital are anything but ture and instinctively un-blase on the river, exclaiming with unfeigned delight at the familiar postcard sights, be-tween comparing notes on how badly Parisians treat their



High life, low life: for some, the Moulin Rouge symbolizes the glamour of Paris at night; for others, it is a city of romance. For everyone, it is a place where life has an added edge

Times colleague, Brian Moy-naban, an old Paris hand: "There isn't a vistro worth eating in that some of the tourist millions have not found already."

In any case, as visitors will soon realize, Paris is a remarkably integrated city, where a great many people manage to live in genuine neighbour-hoods alongside business and commerce. Thankfully, that means precious few "dead zones", deserted after the evening rush hour, or tativ evening rush hour, or tatty stretches of tourist wasteland.

always go round the corner. Take a stroll through the Marais (métros: St Paul and Hôtel de Ville), scorned by some as hopelessly gentrified but, to me, a highly agreeable example of the Parisian "village".

The fact that Paris is also a prodigious, and largely successful, melting pot defi-nitely helps this neighbour-hood ambience. North Afri-cans, Senegalese, Vietnamese and Cambodians, Caribbeans. contributing something of value from their native cul- hostilities ("J'suis pas un plan,

up to scratch by the knowledge ture, customs and cuisine. mol": I'm not a bloody map.) dom, Parisians do have a that dissatisfied customers can And while there is a nasty strain of racism among the French, Paris does not seem as badly affected as some provin-

And so to homo Parisianus, and what a good (British) friend of the city describes as the golden rule for enjoying it - Never Be Intimidated. Having practised assiduously on fellow citizens for most of their life, Parisians know all about creative intimidation: disdainful head waiters, indif-ferent shop assistants, loutish they rub shoulders daily in the taxi drivers and passers-by poorer districts, usually who treat a polite request for directions like a declaration of deranger, can work wonders.

How you react to this aspect of Paris - la ville grimace, in the neat phrase of L'Express is obviously a matter of temperament: nobody wants a holiday fraught with rows, but why pay good money to get the foreigner's treatment? My own theory, not yet tested quite to breaking point, is that under their famously hard shell, les Parigots are actually quite timid and will often cave in before a justified complaint there is a lingering respect here for the idea of le fair play Britannique, and those magic words, excusez-moi de vous

finally be laid to rest, pharaoh fashion, among his slaves, household pets "and all his Contrary to received wis-

but visit it and what lies below

the increasingly imperial

François Mitterrand would

was really a tomb in which

sense of humour, even of self-mockery, as Claude Sarraute's mances this year, finally marvellous column in Le allowing us to judge the Monde proves five times a week. The other day, a taxi interior and the computerized acoustics (the old Opéra, just outside my office window driver assured me that the controversial glass pyramid at the Louvre - love it, hate it, now only stages ballet, but still offers free tours of the imposing Second Empire archi-

As for the mighty arch at La Defense - best seen, and photographed, from the Pont de Neuilly — on a clear day it can provide a truly thrilling perspective of Paris. Through The President's other the Arc de Triomphe, along the favourite projects for bi-Champs-Elysees and into Place centennial year should not be de la Concorde; a slice of the missed either. The starkly history of an incomparable city.

It is difficult to go wrong in Paris
— a stroll along the Seine, around
the Latin quarter or through the
Marais is enough to slip into the
right mood to enjoy all it has to
offer — and Paris is all about enjoyment. In case pointers are needed, here are a few suggestions.

Hotels
Hötel Raphäel, 17 Avenue
Kléber (42 02 15 00). Södsenth
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plush with a touch of old-world decadence, in smart surrouncings, just beside the Arc de Triomphe. The Raphaël bar is one of the Paris haunts. Hôtel Duc de Saint Simon, 14

Hôtel Duc de Saint Silmon, 14 rue Saint-Simon (45 48 35 65). Seventh arrondissement. Mêtro: Rue du Bac. No singles — double room from £95, breakfast £5.25. Small, picturesque hotal with its own little garden tucked away in the heart of rive gauche Saint-Germain-des-Près.

Hôtal Florida, 7 rue de Parme (48 74 47 09). Ninth arrondisseme

Métro: Llège/Place de Clichy. £48 per person per right, breakfast included (parking available); an attractive, comfortable hotel.

The joy of Paris is that it is a walking city and luckily there is no need to stay away from the centre to find reasonably priced hotels. The ninth arrondissement — below Montmartre — has a particularly plentiful supply.

It's difficult to find the nerve to pick out a handful of good eating houses in a town packed with the finest - but here goes. . . All prices approximate.

Drouent, Place Gaillon (42 65)

15 16). Métro: 4 Septembre. One of the most celebrated restaurants the most celebrated restaurants in Paris, now beautifully redorated to enhance its belie époque decor. Excellent food (245 per head with wine, closed Sat, Sun).

Le Vandeville, 29 rue Vivienne (42 33 39 31). Métro: Bourse (facing stock exchange). The epitome of the traditional large turn-of-the-century brasserie with original art nouveau decor to match. art nouveau decor to match. Bustling with diners and waiters

wrapped in long aprons balancing tagen trays of good food (£22

China Club, 50 rue de
Charenton (43 43 02 82). Métro:
Bastille (next door to the new
controversial Bastille opera house)
The latest "In" ("très branché")
place to be seen in Paris.
Besteurent downstaire. Restaurant downstairs dirners only, plus Sunday brunch, comfortable leather armichaired-clubroom upstairs for "le drink"

(£25 with wine). Chez Georges, 1 rue du Maii (42 60 07 11). Métro: Sentier. A truly Parisian bistro, off one of the prettiest squares in town — the place des Victoires. Good old-

place des Victoires. Good old-fashioned French cooking served by down-to-earth waitresses in a happy, relaxed atmosphere (£20-with wine, closed Sun).

A Priori Thé, Galerie Vivienne (42 97 48 75). Mètro: Bourse. This delightiful tea-room also serves light lunches with delicious desserts or an evening glass of wine — plus a Sunday brunch. It is situated in what must be the lovellest. covered arcade in Paris -- worth a visit on its own account (lunches

£12, open until seven pm, seven

Le Sauvignon, 80 rue de Saints-Pères (45 48 49 02). Métro: Sèvres-Babylone. One of the real wine bars of Paris, with its pretty painted ceilings and walls, delicious cheeses and thick country pâtés - not to mention the good wine. Not a full meal, but very nearly (£5 for wine, cheese and pate, closed Sun).

Nightclubs Shéhérazade, 3 rue de Llège (48 74 85 20). Métro: Place de Clichy. People kill to be seen here.

People kill to be seen here.
Open Thursdays, Fridays and
Saturdays — Thursday live
music, Friday for "oldies" between
25 and 35, Saturday the wellconnected young flock in (entry £10,
including first drink).

La Locomotive, 80 Boulevard
de Clichy (42 57 37 37). Métro:
Blanche. Very popular — music
for everyone on two floors. (entry
£10, including first drink).

Les Bains, 7 rue Bourg
l'Abbé(48 87 01 80). Métro:
Réaumur-Sebastopol. Nightclub
with restaurant and bar. Very

selective - you get in only if the doorman likes what he sees (entry

There are good jazz clubs all over Paris, like New Morning, 7 rue des Petites-Ecuries (45 23 51 41). Métro: Chateau d'Eau.

Getting around
All that is needed for getting
around is a map (free in Galeries
Lafayette, Boulevard
Haussmann) and a carnet of Metro and bus tickets, available in bunches of 10 in Metro stations for F31.20, or a day travel card. Métro stations are never more than a stone's throw away, and the

a stone's throw away, and the Métro is easy to get the hang of. The bus service is good.

See the Musée D'Orsay for the beautiful conversion of the former railway station and for the contents, including breathtaking Impressionist collection, and the print and poster shop. Restaurant upstairs. (Shut Mon, late night Thur.)

Thur.)
The fabulous art nouveau stained glass dome in Galeries Lafayette is worth seeing, as is the similarly exotic one in next-door

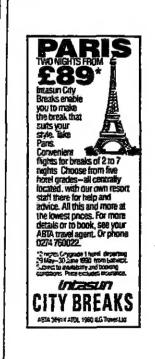
Au Printemps department store. Watch out for low-budget shops and supermarkets — Monoprix and Prisunic.

Walk along the rue Saint Dominique (metro: Invalides) and try to resist the dress shops, or go to the flea markets at St Ouen (métro: Porte de St Ouen; clothes a speciality - open during

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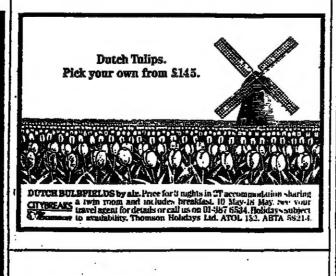
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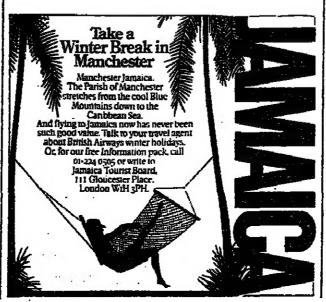
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Chris Brasher, who has loved the Thames for 50 years, welcomes the

plan to create a 175-mile river footpath

Thames in a self-designed and ing, always enchanting. home-built craft which he named "The Willow". In his exploring the river with the book Sweet Thames Run Sofily he describes how one morning, when he was tied up in a quiet backwater, "the rain came down on me so that I shouldn't have been surprised house on Monday. Although if whales had dropped out of he will not say it himself, he the sky... just as I lifted a and the Ramblers' Associ-corner of the canopy to ation, of which he is a viceglimpse if there was a break in the sky, what should I see on the opposite bank but a girl, running fast up-stream, and she with nothing on. It was still raining so hard that I could not see clearly, but will create new paths to fill the instead of the delicate pink gaps and build new river which I am led to believe is the usual colour of naked damsels, this naied was shining all over with the rain, so that she might have been clothed in

silver sequins." That, I remember now, is when I fell in love with the Thames, Nearly 50 years have passed since then, and for 25 of them I have lived no more

n the summer before war Thames and I have walked broke out, Robert Gibb- and run and bicycled along its ings drifted down the banks and it is always chang-

Recently I have been aid of two invaluable paperbacks. The first is called The Thames Walk, and its author, David Sharp, delivered the third and newest edition to my president, are the heroes who have doggedly gnawed at the authorities until finally - last September - the Government has given its approval to a five-year programme which crossings so that the path can live up to its name - the Thames Path - and hug the bank of the river for 175 miles.

Until that day, David Sharp insists on using his own name, the Thames Walk, because he has to find routes away from the river, to bypass those gaps

Elizabeth I spent summer gentlemen rowing from On— I have always believed that
which have appeared since the
weekends. He refused to allow
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Sweet Thames: the townath at Runnymede, where the Magna Carta was sealed

path should be continuous on one side of the river, but logic did not matter to landowners of old. There was, for instance,

trading routes of our country. transport their horses across their captain, Figgis by name, Logic decrees that the tow-ath should be continuous on space of a quarter of a mile. piano, and was soon joined by space of a quarter of a mile. How those bargees must have cursed him, and we curse the landlord and his son, on violin and viola respectively,

and one of Mozart's trios

drifted over the water. Oh to

be in England in the days

when pubs could produce

home-made Mozart!

him to this day because the a certain Mr Worlidge who in ferries have ceased long since. the 18th century owned a and we walkers have to take to meadow opposite. Maple-the road, hard by the Roeback the road, hard by the Roebuck durham Court, where Queen Inn where, in 1890, four

suggesting any particular walk for a day or weekend. With the aid of The Thames Walk and another paperback, The Ordnance Survey Guide to the River Thames, you will find all the information you need: pubs and restaurants, boatyards and museums.

British Rail will even take you to within 11/2 miles of the source if you alight at Kemble Station. That name takes me back to my schooldays when, in grey flannel shorts, I reluctantly took ticket to Kemble and then bus to my first boarding school.

One thing I urge upon you. beg or bostow a copy of Sweet Thames Rsm Softly, and find out what happened to that encounter between Robert Gibbings and the naked naiad. It is a classic of English literature and his book will make you yearn for the great River Thames.

The Thames Walk, by David Sharp, is published by the Ramblers. Association and distributed by W. F. Foulthain of Slough (0753 38637). Price £2.95.

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October. Meanwhile, the UK Civil Aviation Authority says it does not favour a total ban on in-flight smoking.

• Passengers travelling Gatwick Airport via the A23 and M23 link roads between now and the end of June are being advised to allow more time for their journeys because

Cycle rides

French Railways is equipping three of its Motorail services to carry bicycles this summer. They will travel in a wagon on services from Boulogne to Brive-la-Gaillarde, Nantes and Narbonne, for £16 oneway. Bookings can be made through French Railway's London Office (01-409 3518).

• P&O Ferries has launched a pre-emptive strike against what it predicts will be the "impersonal service" provided by the Channel Tunnel, by introducing "Club Class" en its sailings from Dover to Calais, Boulogne and Zeebrogge. A £5 supplement on the normal one-way fare provides a guaranteed seat in a cial lourge, with com-mentary refreshments and newspapers (0304 203388).

Explore China

The adventure-holiday specialist Exodus is to be allowed to take its own ex-

pedition vehicles into China They will be used this year on two 42-day expeditions on the "Silk Road" rouse from Islam-

wednings has spread to Cyprus. Olympic Helidays says it can make all the local teners. Wedding extras cost about 2250, with a Cyprus special licence adding a further £140 (01-359 3500).

Bridgewater Boats, the Berkhamsted-based narrow-boat company, is offering £50, off a week's casal crusing between April 28 and May 5. Prices now start at £350 for a four-berth boat or £410 for an eight-berth boat (0442

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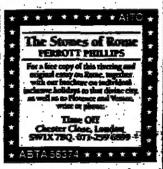
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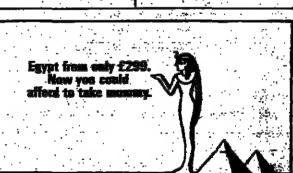
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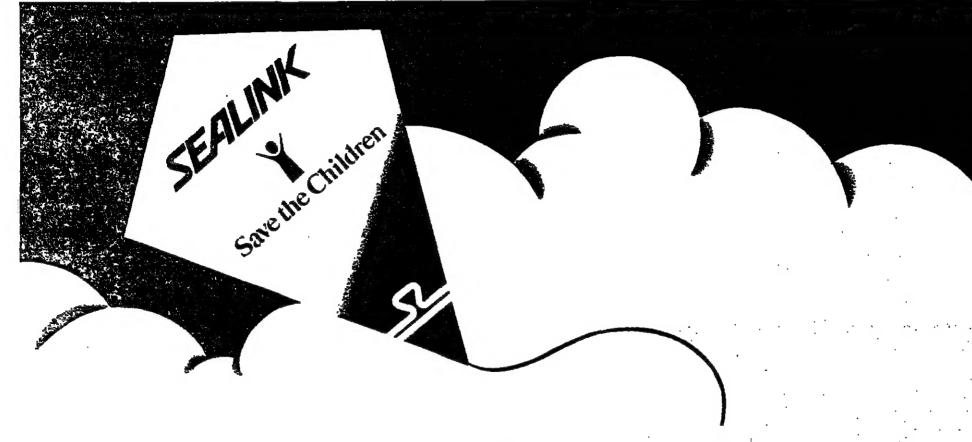




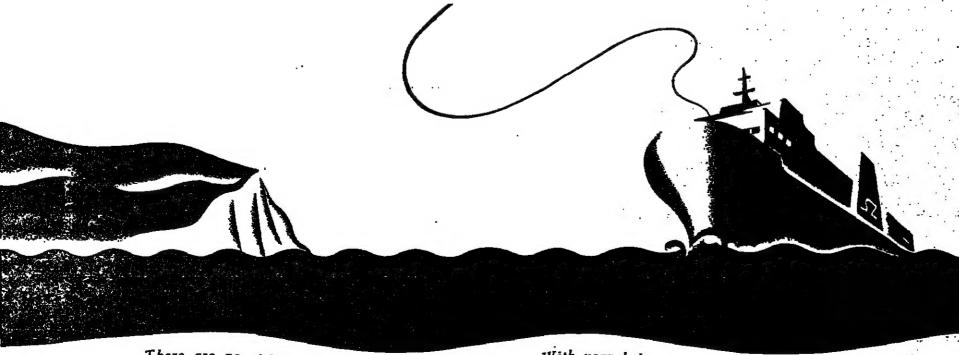


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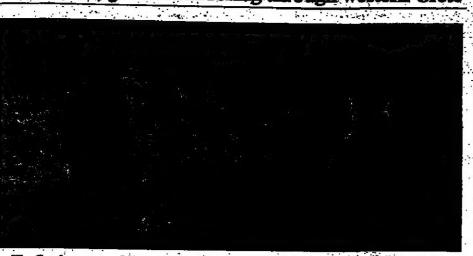
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The Fat Boys' Outing

Bill Powell dons walking boots and, with a rucksack on his back, goes a wandering through western Crete



The Gracian arm: a subject of jokes, but a rare sight in reality. This one is acar Maila

us in with rucksacks and nowhere to stay,"
said my old pal.
Roger, during a planning session in the pub, repeating what wives and intends had warned. Tubby, then approaching middle age had no business to be thinking about a hotel-less walking to be about a hotel-less walking heliday in Crete, and we had heard how Greece was fed up with hippies and other un-profitable wanderers. As it firmed out, our budget tickets supposedly included basic ho-tel accommodation, but if our trip was going to be a touch Homeric, as we had told every-body it would be, we would have to sleep out under the stars at least some of the time. So, booted and pale and soberly Guernseyed we flew out of Gatwick in a planeload of youngsters bound for the concrete high-rise hotels and discos of Agios Nikolaos Modestly we mentioned that we were on a walking holiday and would probably sleep wherever we found ourselves it the end of a day's march. They were impressed, but thought we were mad.

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Three is the morning at inskin Airport and we must carry the experienced a twinge of envy. about £12 per das we waved goodbye to our proposed stay.

ut they might not let young-companions and their quiet beach where a small, freezing river diagones into a bay just west of Rethymnon. There were turtle bones in the were whooshed away castwards in luxury coaches. sand but, also, no loggerheads have been seen for several years. I was proved to see that

we adjusted our rucksacks and trudged past the army barracks to the town centre. Dawn was coming up and true to the spirit of what had been dubbed the Fat Boys. Outing, we went in search of breakfast. This consisted of "blast-off" coffee and what we assumed to be the Hellenic original of doughnuts. A doze on the local bus going up the coast road towards the old port of Khania, and in no time we found ourselves at our official setting-off point: a

THAVEL NOTES

Bill Powell's air ticket to Iráklion cost 2117 return from a "good bucket shop".
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Hidden treasures: tiny Cretan villages, sutside the reach of popular tourism, are a godsend to the walker seeking "the real Crete" and its people

growing into them, ancient oil pithoi, and a taverna from which you could see the curve of the magnificent coastline, starting to bristle with hotels. Down in Khaniz later, din-

ner was prepared by a young restaurateur from Athens. He had had a hard season feeding the tourists and was looking washed-out, but cheerful. "You don't want chips? Good. I give you real Greek potato," he said. Dimitri's mashed spuds contained masses of gartic, olive oil and lemon juice. It tasted terrific and we were still exhaling garlic va-pours a day and a half later when we headed south to-wards the White Mountains.

On the map, Prases is a dot beside a meandering road that crosses the heart of western the scent of marjeram. An afternoon walk up the Crete to the plain of Omalos hill paths took us to Exopolis, a village almost out of reach of and the head of the Gorge of Sameria. Now it was getting popular tourism, populated by aged relatives of the young entrepreneurs of the resort dark and we were starving.

a restaurant and hotel had appeared on what was once

Years before when I had first slept on that beach, all one could hear was the sound

of the surf and the scurrying of an occasional rat: now it was Martin and the Vandellas. But

in the marning we and the gold-finches had the sunit world to

ounceves During the night the sea had tidied the beach. Gegenuber's cau-de-Col-

one, and nazons and posh soaps propped on rocks in the river's outflow, we got down to some serious ablusions, witnessed from the mountain-

sides by spirals of voltures. Exploring the tiny river later, I

was amazed to see river turt-

les, large eels and kinglishers.

Cyclamen flowered on rock

ledges and the sun brought out

lace, stone walls with fig trees Prises. It didn't look good. Were we being punished for setting off so amily without provisions? Not this time: we came around a corner on the dark road and walked into a brightly hit taverna full of human noise and smelling of food and wine. Prases.

In the middle of our heroic consumption of wine, bread and fried eggs floating in olive oil, a dark youth came over and said: "Rubbish grub, ain't it? They wouldn't be allowed to sell it back in Aussie." This was Andreas, from Melbourne, on a visit to the village of his ancestors. He was hoping to finance the trip by harvesting walnuts and chestmus from the trees that still belonged to his family. Next day we helped Andress with his nut-gathering in return for his taking us

under his wing. Everyone we met in Prise except Andreas and his Australian/Greek girlfriend, There were no more dots for was old, as people had been in 10 or 12 kilometres after Exopolis. The young must be

old and smiling people on the hill paths as we staggered back with sacks solid with nuts. Animated dialect conversa-tions with Andreas ensued. "Gee, you guys," he said after one of these, "I reckon I could hire you out as a harvesting team and make lots of dough. They all want to know if you'll come to work for them next."

often apparent from the main roads. They tend to straggle off in the directions of small valleys, and quickly become obscured by hills and trees. This probably explains why we had not found many of the villages marked on the map. In a village like Prases, you can see plenty of the traditional stone and wood buildings that, in the towns, have been replaced

by characteriess concrete.
The improved fitness we

out in the world seeking their had gained there and the one as Fondas, who had re-fortunes. We would encounter friendly time we had in Prases turned to live in his home set us up for the rest of our journey which, among other places, took us to the ancient port of Sonyia, facing the Libyan Sea. There we slept among rare sand lilies on the beach and tended to avoided the Enro-youth we encountered in the charming-despiteeverything seasonal bars where we strayed.

Prases, and places like it, did spoil us for things like local wine (krasi), olive oil for Cretan raki (tsikoudia), and we felt that the Fates had led us to the "real" Crete. But it was still a treat to find ourselves in the bustling tourist spot of Palaiokhóra at the end of a slog along the coastline from Souyia, having seen ancient ruins, vultures and ravens, carpets of cyclamen, but not another person in the whole wild landscape.

True, Prases was strong on people interest: there was now; you see, nobo Xenophon, known to every-comes to this village.

village after a career as a ballet dancer. He had suffered persecution and exile during the Colonels' rule; now he was regarded as a national trea-sure. It seemed odd to be sitting at his table in an peasant farmhouse in an obscure corner of Crete listening to him remi-nisce about life in Moscow, New York, Paris and Berlin.

A tiny old woman in wid-ow's black materialized beside the table where we sat enjoying 20-year-old scandals. "She is a poor old relative of mine and she has come to give you a present," Fondas explained. A skeletal, brown hand pre-sented a few walnuts. Small bright eyes surrounded by complications of wrinkles regarded us with amusement then she was gone.

"Now she's off to tell every had said. "You're famous now; you see, nobody ever





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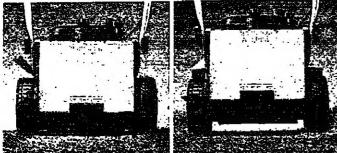




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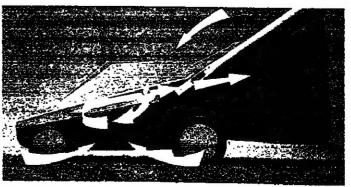
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